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HINATA ASAHI IS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO LIVES ALONE WITH ONLY HER TEDDY BEARS TO KEEP HER COMPANY. HER LIFE BECOMES MUCH MORE EXCITING WHEN THE HANDSOME SHIRO ASOU MOVES IN NEXT DOOR. NOT ONLY IS HE REALLY CUTE, BUT HE'S ALSO HER NEW TEACHER! HINA HAS A BIT OF A CRUSH ON HIM, BUT WHEN THE OLDER MAN SEEMS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HER AS WELL, IS IT FORBIDDEN LOVE OR SOMETHING ELSE?

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"I LIKE YOU.
THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU."

Today's lesson:

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New Vocabulary

"Suki" - To Like

"Daisuki" - To Love

"Suki. Dakara Suki" - "I Like You, That's Why I Like You"

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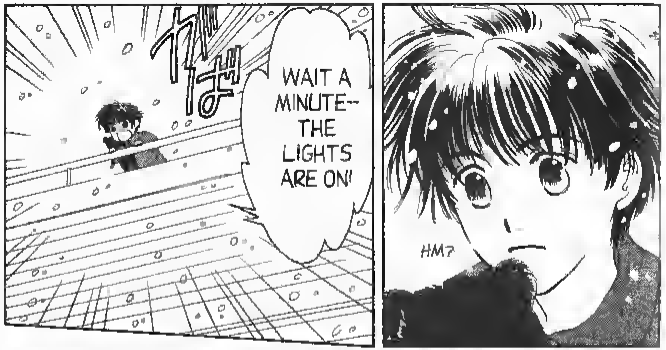
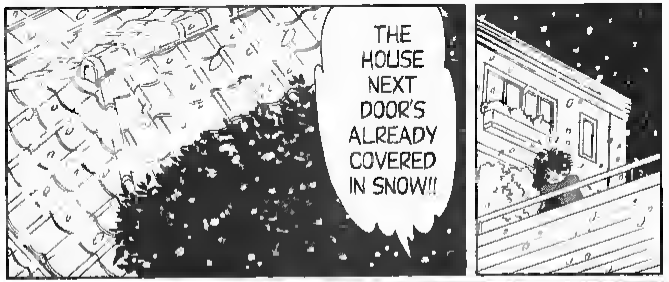
LOVE...

I LOVE THINGS.
I LOVE PEOPLE.

BUT WHAT *IS* LOVE?


WAIT A MINUTE-- THE LIGHTS ARE ON!
HM?

LET'S GO FIND OUT!
DID SOMEONE MOVE IN?!


THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR'S ALREADY COVERED IN SNOW!!

SUCH A NICE HOUSE...
THE ONE NEXT DOOR
AND NOBODY EVEN LIVES THERE.

I WISH I COULD LIVE IN A HOUSE LIKE THAT.
W O W W W...

OOPSIE DAISY!
WHOA!
ARE YOU HURT?

HUH?

AT MIDNIGHT?
WELL... YES.
WATCHING THE SNOW FALL!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT'S A GIRL LIKE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
WONDER WHAT THEY ARE...
I'VE GOT MY REASONS
UH-HUH!
WITH A TEDDY BEAR STRAPPED TO YOUR BACK?
I KNOW
SO I TRIED TO CLIMB OVER ON THE TREE BUT I FELL.
I CUSHIONED YOUR FALL
AND THEN I GOT CURIOUS BECAUSE I SAW THE LIGHTS WERE ON OVER HERE.

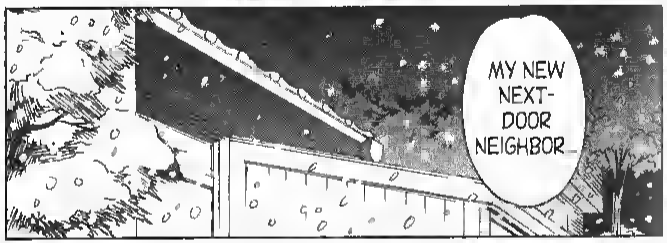
OH EXCUSE ME!
ER, WOULD YOU MIND GETTING OFF OF ME?
SO THIS IS NEXT DOOR
I'M SORRY!
THANK YOU!
SO... ARE YOU MOVING IN?

.....
LESSEE.
MY NAME...
...IS HINATA ASAHI!
AND THIS IS HOW YOU SPELL IT!
HINATA ASAHI
AND THIS HERE'S WAKA!

THEN WE'LL BE NEIGHBORS! YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO BE LIVING IN THIS HOUSE!
YOUR HOUSE IS BIGGER.
FOR THE TIME BEING.
SO... YOU'RE-GOING TO LIVE HERE?
BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE IN THIS HOUSE!
I KNOW.

NO.
WOW— I'M SO HAPPY!
WHY?
DO YOU LIKE SITTING IN THE SNOW?
WELL, I DON'T HATE IT BUT I GUESS IT IS COLD
THEN... WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP.
...YOU SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT TO HOLD YOUR HAND?
YOU WANT TO STAND UP ON YOUR OWN?

OOPSIE!


MY NEW NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR...

I LOVE HOLDING HANDS!

...SO WARM...

I'LL BET YOUR HANDS ARE WARMER.
YOU'RE A KID, AFTER ALL.

I DUNNO... YOUR HANDS ARE WARM.

OH!

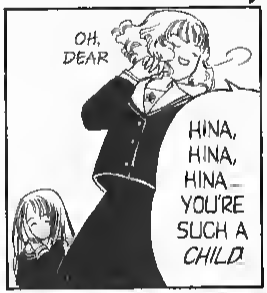
NOW, RUN ALONG HOME... WASH UP AND GO SLEEP WITH YOUR TEDDY BEAR.

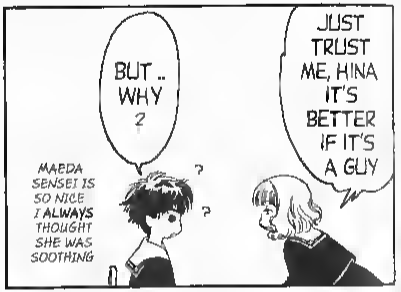
YIPPEE!
THERE'S SNOW EVERY-WHERE!
OH! MY NEW NEIGHBOR...
...WONDER IF HE'S STILL AT HOME?
WELL... OFF TO SCHOOL!
TEE HEE

Outo Private High School for Girls
1-D
GOOD MORNING!
MORNING, TOUKO-CHAN!
GOOD MORNING, HINA.

そわそわ
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.
YUP!
Y'MEAN THE HOUSE THAT WAS EMPTY FOR SO LONG?
SOMEONE JUST MOVED IN!
YOU KNOW THAT HOUSE NEXT TO MINE?
OK... LET'S HEAR IT.
DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW WHY?!
HEY, GUYS! DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AND.. HE'S ALREADY HELD MY HAND!
YUP!
I'M NOT HYPER TOUKO YOU'RE JUST MELLOW
SO— WHAT'S THE NEWS?
OR, MAYBE JUST A FUZZY-DUZZY
OOH, TELL US!
YOU'RE AWFULLY HYPER FOR SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
HEY THERE, TOUKO! HINA!
OOH, EMI-CHAN!
WHAT? NOW?
WE'RE GETTING A NEW TEACHER!
THAT'S RIGHT-- MAEDA-SAN'S BABY'S ALMOST DUE, ISN'T IT?
OOOOH I LIKE TO HOLD BABIES!
IT'S GETTING HARD FOR HER TO TEACH
WELL, MAEDA-SENSEI'S BEEN PREGNANT FOR A WHILE.
*SENSEI-TEACHER

COULDN'T A GIRL TEACHER DO THAT?
WHY WOULD A *MALE* TEACHER SOOTHE US?


OH, DEAR
HINA, HINA, HINA— YOU'RE SUCH A *CHILD*


BUT.. WHY ?
JUST TRUST ME, HINA IT'S BETTER IF IT'S A GUY
MAEDA SENSEI IS SO NICE I **ALWAYS** THOUGHT SHE WAS SOOTHING
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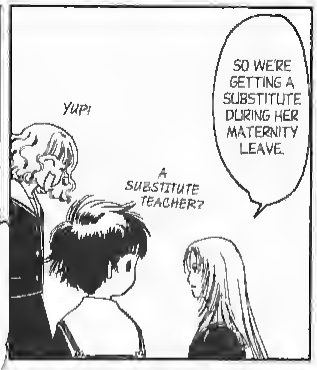
...SOME-ONE

HASN'T *ANYONE* EVER SET YOUR HEART AFLUTTER ?!

NOT ONLY THAT... I HEAR IT'S A *GUY*.


SO WE'RE GETTING A SUBSTITUTE DURING HER MATERNITY LEAVE.
YUP!
A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER?

PUH! EASY ON THE EYES...
LET'S JUST HOPE HE'S EASY ON THE EYES!

RIGHT, LEFT EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IT'S JUST GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS!
OH, COME *ON*, TOUKO! THIS *IS* AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL!
THE ONLY MALES ON CAMPUS ARE OLD GEEZERS!
WE NEED A HANDSOME MALE TEACHER TO SOOTHE OUR ACHING HEARTS..!!

WELL, LET'S SEE..
LEMME GUESS--YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE, EITHER!
IS HE YOUR IMAGINARY FRIEND?
NO, I KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE OH--AND I KNOW WHERE HE LIVES!
UH HUH
SO... WHAT'S HE LIKE, THEN?
I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME
EH?!
WHO?!
EXACTLY LIKE THAT!

ALL RIGHT, CLASS MY NAME IS SHIRO ASOU.
I'LL BE REPLACING MAEDA-SENSEI AS YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR A WHILE.
MY FOCUS WILL BE ON CHEMISTRY.
I SEE... SO, MY NEIGHBOR IS A TEACHER... MY HOMEROOM TEACHER!
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE...
WHERE ARE YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS?!
I KNOW!
JUST A MINUTE, SENSEI!!
Bye
HEY, SENSEI-- HOW OLD ARE YOU?!
I'M 32.
ASOU SHIRO
ARE YOU MARRIED?
NO.
WELL, YOU COULD AT LEAST PUT YOUR NAME ON THE CHALKBOARD-- DON'T YOU WANT US TO KNOW HOW TO SPELL IT?
WHAT?
HE WRITES SO SMALL.
THAT DESERVED AN "OOOOOHHH?"
YIPPEE!
WOOHOO!
OOOOOOHHH
KYAHHH!
SO WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE YOU CAME TO TEACH US?

DO YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?!

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...HINATA ASAHI.

HUH?
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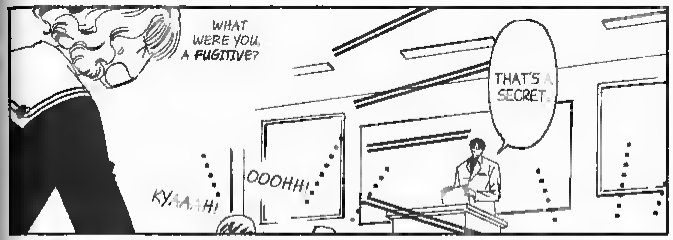
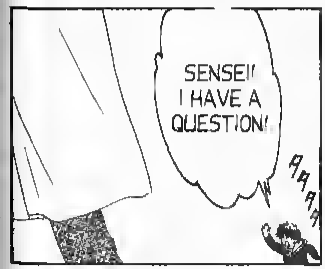
BINGO!


WHAT WERE YOU, A FUGITIVE?
THAT'S A SECRET.
KYAA, HI
OOOHH!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
WHAT WAS IT? GIRL TROUBLE?!
C'MON, SENSEI! WE'RE NOT DONE WITH YOU!


SENSEI! I HAVE A QUESTION!
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UH-- HINA?
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I STILL DON'T GET HOW YOU CAN BE SO SMART WHEN YOU SEEM SO OUT OF IT OTHERWISE
MAYBE BEING SUCH A GOOD STUDENT STUNTED YOUR EMOTIONAL GROWTH?
OR YOUR COMMON SENSE
. BUT WE ALSO KNOW SHE'S ONLY A BABY IN EVERYTHING ELSE!
YEAH-- WHAT'S WRONG, TOUKO-CHAN?
SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
AM I RIGHT OR AM I RIGHT? TOUKO?
IN FACT YOU KINDA BLUR THE LINE BETWEEN SIMPLY INNOCENT AND INNOCENT SIMPLETON
THAT TEACHER
YOU KNOW, HINA_

SMALL WORLD, HUH?
AND I THOUGHT THIS KIND OF THING ONLY HAPPENED ON TV!
REALLY?
SO... ASOU-SENSEI IS YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR?
YUP!
HOW COME?
WE SHOULD PROBABLY KEEP IT QUIET FOR NOW.
WELL, WE ALREADY KNOW HINA ALWAYS SCORES 100 PERCENT ON TESTS WITHOUT HELP.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK HE WAS PLAYING FAVORITES BECAUSE YOU'RE HIS NEIGHBOR WOULD YOU?
LIKE WHEN YOU DO GOOD ON A TEST OR SOMETHING
PLAYING FAVORITES?

ME?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HINA?
SURE! I LIKE 'EM REALLY YOUNG OR REALLY OLD!
YOU TOO EMI?
OUR SCHOOL'S SHORT ON YOUNG MALE TEACHERS, SO WE'LL TAKE WHAT WE CAN GET!
I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHEN I SEE HIM,
MY HEART GETS ALL FUZZY AND WARM
HEARTBURN? BETTER LAY OFF THE TEMPURA, HINA! AH HA HA HA!

TEACHER?
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
NO, WHAT? WHAT IS IT?! DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG AGAIN?!
WHOA WHOA
NO, NO... NEVER MIND.
WELL...THAT ASOU-SENSEI SEEMS LIKE A NICE ENOUGH GUY, I GUESS.
THE LAB COAT AND GLASSES ARE A LITTLE WEIRD BUT
NO... YOU'RE FINE
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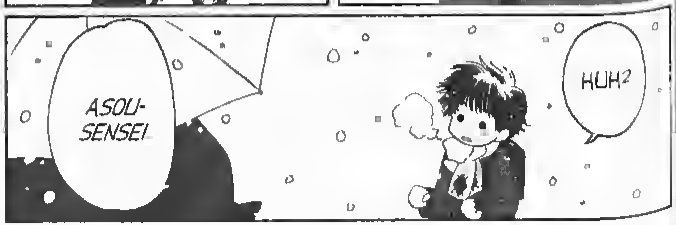
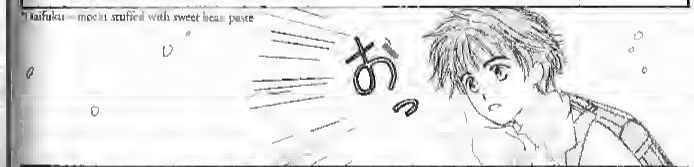
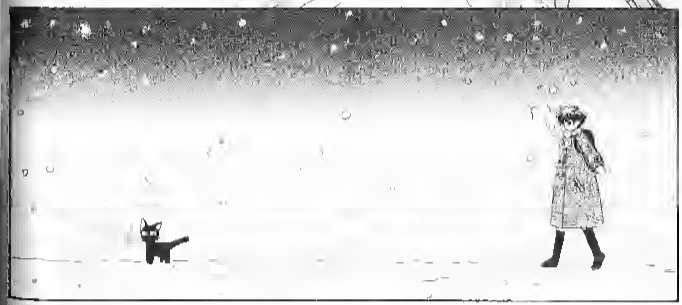
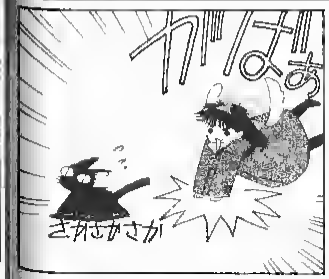


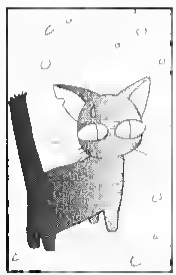
IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING!
REMINDS ME OF THAT SONG...
LET'S EAT LET'S EAT SNOW DAIFUKUS! YOU ALWAYS MELT YOU WHITE THING YOU—
tromp tromp

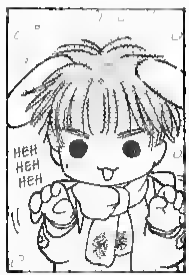
*daifuku—mochi stuffed with sweet bean paste











HUH?
YOU DID JUST SAY YOU WANTED TO HUG HIM.
RIGHT HINA?

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OH-- THAT'S RIGHT!

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

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サク
EH?

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST TOO SLOW, ASAHI.
THIS LITTLE GUY IS DEFINITELY THE BOSS AROUND HERE! I ALWAYS WANT TO PICK HIM UP AND HUG HIM, BUT HE ALWAYS GETS AWAY!
WOWWWW

WELL, YOU MUST BE PRETTY GREAT, SENSE!!
OH, RIGHT RIGHT

OR-- THE PEOPLE I REALLY LIKE CALL ME HINA!
PLEASE-- CALL ME HINATA!

OKAY... HINA.
YAYYY HUG
HUG

SO? YOU CAN GO INSIDE NOW
OKAY.
SAY-- NEIGHBOR?

YOU MEAN... IT'S OKAY? YOU REALLY WANNA WALK HOME WITH ME?
IF YOU'LL HURRY UP.
WELL, WE'RE BOTH HEADED THE SAME WAY, RIGHT?
HUH? I'M JUST STANDING HERE.
THIS IS YOUR HOUSE, RIGHT?
YES.
YIP-PEE!

SENSEI! I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, WON'T I?!
..SENSEI
GREAT! I'LL BE THERE!
UNLESS YOU DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.

WAKA! TONO! I'M HOOOME!
WAKA
TONO
MILK
MILK

I HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR IN THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR I ALWAYS LOVED.
HE HELD MY HAND... HE LET ME HUG THE BLACK CAT... HE LET ME INSIDE HIS UMBRELLA... AND HE WALKED ME HOME...
ALL THE THINGS I LOVE!
ASOU-SENSEI...
WANT SOME MORE?

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MY HEART'S ALL FUZZY.... KINDA WARM.
I REALLY..
...LOVE THIS FEELING
To Next

♪ LET'S MAKE PANCAKES! PANCAKES PANCAKES PANCAKES HAVE NICE BROWN COATS ♪ LIKE FOXES DO! WHEN THEY'RE BROWN IS WHEN THEY TASTE GREAT ♪ DOES THAT MEAN A FOX IS TASTY, TOO?
MILK

AND SUDDENLY... LOVE.

LOTS OF LOVE.

LOVE IS A FUN AND HAPPY THING!

AND THE NEXT DAY HE SHARED HIS UMBRELLA WITH ME
HE HELD MY HAND ON THE DAY WE MET
I HOPE, I HOPE...
...I CAN HOLD HIS HAND AGAIN!

MMMMM. I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT PANCAKES!
DIG IN!
THE DAY IT SNOWED, MY NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR MOVED INTO THE HOUSE I LOVE
I WONDER IF MY NEIGHBOR'S EATEN YET?

HEY THERE, NEIGHBOR!
...THAT'S SENSEI TO YOU.
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たたた
oops!
...GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING SENSE!!

OKAY-- I'M GOING NOW!
トントン
YIPPEE SKIPPY! SCHOOL IS NIFTY! SKIPPING TO SCHOOL IN THE NICE BRIGHT SUN! LET'S HOPE SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENS TO ME! I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE!
HMM... WONDER IF HE LEFT ALREADY?
ひょい
I GUESS TEACHERS ALWAYS WAKE UP BEFORE STUDENTS
ガラガラ

MY NEIGHBOR.. AND MY TEACHER!
HUH?
MY NEW NEIGHBOR ASOU SHIRO-SAN IS ALSO MY NEW TEACHER. WHAT A COINCIDENCE
WHOA!
WHY?
WHY'D HE PULL ME ASIDE LIKE THAT?
TO KEEP ME SAFE FROM PASSING CARS?

AHH.. HE REALLY DOES DO ALL THE THINGS I LOVE
THANK YOU!!

OOH, HAPPY HINA'S HERE.
HEY, YOU'RE CHEERFUL AGAIN TODAY!
MORNING, HINA!
I LOVE BEING PATTED ON THE HEAD!!
MORN ING HINA
GOOD MORNING!
UP AND AT 'EM IN THE A.M., EH, HINA?
GOOD MORN- ING
SOMEHOW, SENSEI DOES ALL THE THINGS I LOVE
I FEEL SO WARM AND FUZZY ALL OVER!
I LOVE IT!!

STUDY HARD EH?
OH— WE'RE HERE!
OH— I FORGOT. YOU ALREADY GET GOOD GRADES, DON'T YOU?

REALLY? I NEVER NOTICED.
YOU SEEM PRETTY BLUE THESE DAYS, TOUKO-CHAN.
YOU SURE IT'S NOTHING?
YOU JUST LOOK KINDA SAD
OH, NOTHING
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A PUPPY DOG, HINA—GOOD INSTINCTS AND ALL!
YES... SHE DOES.
HEE HEE
BUT REALLY I'M FINE
THANKS, HINA

OH-- HEY THERE, HINA!
G' MORN-ING
GOOD MORNING
MORN-ING HINATA
GOOD MORNING!
YUP! I GOT PATTED ON THE HEAD!
IT'S ALWAYS CLEAR SKIES WITH YOU HINA
YOU'RE CHEERFUL AS ALWAYS. ANYTHING PARTICULARLY GOOD TODAY?
HA HA HA HA! YOU GOT PATTED ON THE HEAD! WELL, YOU ARE A KID AFTER ALL!
MY NEIGHBOR-- I MEAN, SENSEI!
BY WHO?
WHAT'S WRONG, TOUKO-CHAN?

EXCEL-
LENT
WORK,
SENSEI!
A
KID.
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CAN I
HAVE YOUR
AUTOGRAPH
EMI CHAN?
YOU'RE
GETTING
REALLY
GOOD!
I'VE BEEN
PRACTICING
GOOD
TIMING
ON
THAT
ONE!
YOU
SAID
IT,
EMI!
WELL, WE
COULDN'T
REALLY
CALL YOU
AN ADULT
KURUO...
HERE!
HERE!
AM
I A
KID?
A
KID
2
SIT
DOWN,
ASAHI.
NEXT UP
KATO

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SENSEI'S
HERE!
HERE
!!
HINATA
ASAHI.
ALL
RIGHT--
ROLL
CALL
ER..
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
STAND UP
I DUNNO,
SENSEI--
YOU REALLY
THINK SHE'S
HERE?
WHAT'S
IT LOOK
LIKE TO
YOU?
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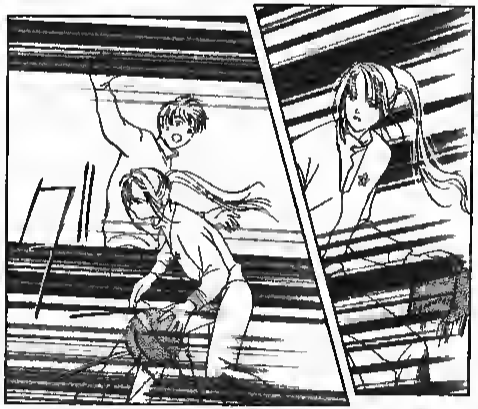
HA HA HA
YOU'RE STILL
SHORT EVEN
WHEN YOU'RE
STANDING
HINA!
I CAN
SEE
THAT,
ASAHI.

YAYYY!
YAYYY
SHOOT IT, HINA!
STOP HER!
A KID.
I SEE
SAITO
KUDO
HERE!
HERE!
...RIGHT?
I GUESS I AM JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
WELL, I MEAN, FROM SENSEI'S POINT OF VIEW, WE'RE ALL JUST KIDS
HE IS 32, RIGHT?
SHI-MURA
MUI
SUZUKI
HERE!
HERE!
BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
TAKEMOTO
TAKAGI
HERE!
HERE!

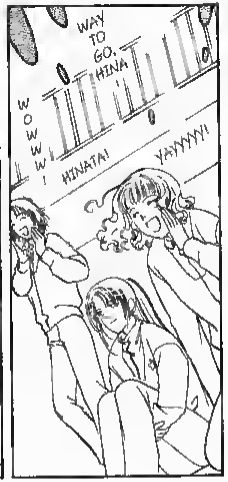
NEXT GROUP!
NOTH-ING'S MORE FUN THAN YOU, HINA!
HERE
HA HA HA HA

WHAT WHAT WHAT?! I'M NOT MISSING ANYTHING FUN, AM I?
HEY THEY'RE LAUGH-ING
HA HA



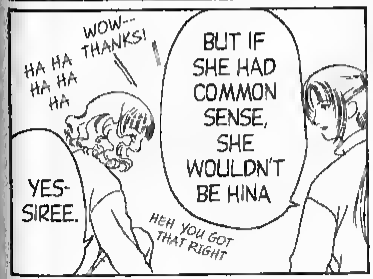
GO GET 'EM, TOUKO-CHAN!

YEAH GREAT JOB!
YOU DID IT! GOOD THING YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE HINATA!


WAY TO GO, HINA
W O W W W !
HINATA!
YAYYYY!

...NOW IF ONLY YOU HAD SOME COMMON SENSE...
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL... BRAINS... ATHLET-ICISM...
KINDA LIKE A MONKEY

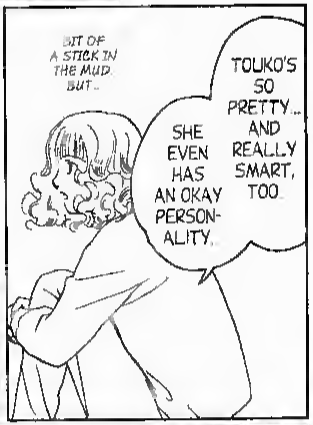
NICE WORK, KIDDO! THAT'S OUR LITTLE FIRECRACKER!


HA HA HA HA HA
WOW--- THANKS!
BUT IF SHE HAD COMMON SENSE, SHE WOULDN'T BE HINA
YES-SIREE.
HEH YOU GOT THAT RIGHT

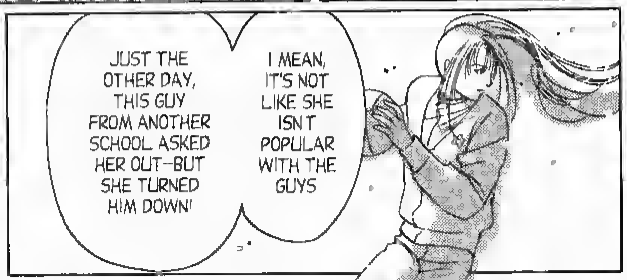
KYAAH GO GET EM!
WELL, I WOULDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND ANYWAY
NOPE.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
REALLY?
HMM...
IT'S SENSEI.

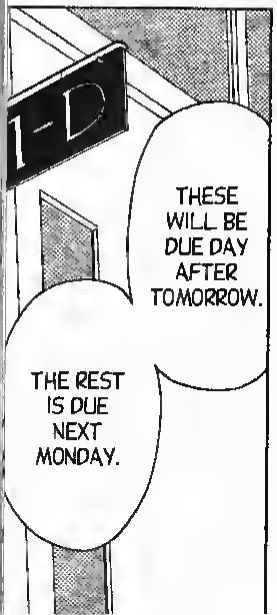
WOOOOO!
KYAAH KYAAH
ALL RIGHT TOUKO!
YAYYY!!

BOY-FRIEND?
SO HOW COME SHE DOESN'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND?


BIT OF A STICK IN THE MUD. BUT...
SHE EVEN HAS AN OKAY PERSON-ALITY.
TOUKO'S SO PRETTY... AND REALLY SMART, TOO.

I WASN'T...
DON'T YOU DARE ASK ME IF THEY'RE FURRY OR DELICIOUS OR SOMETHING.


JUST THE OTHER DAY, THIS GUY FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL ASKED HER OUT—BUT SHE TURNED HIM DOWN!
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE ISN'T POPULAR WITH THE GUYS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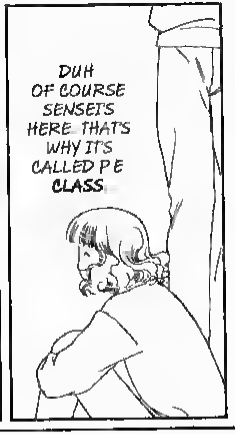
THESE WILL BE DUE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
THE REST IS DUE NEXT MONDAY.

I GOT TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
...FOR SOME REASON, THAT MAKES ME HAPPY.

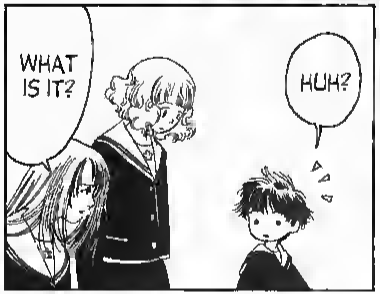
NOT THAT SENSEI SENSEI.

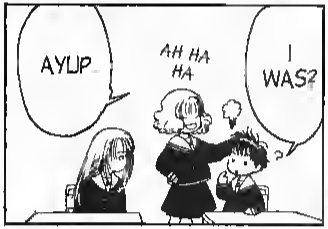

DUH OF COURSE SENSEI'S HERE. THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED P E CLASS.

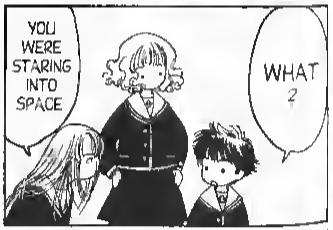
HUH?

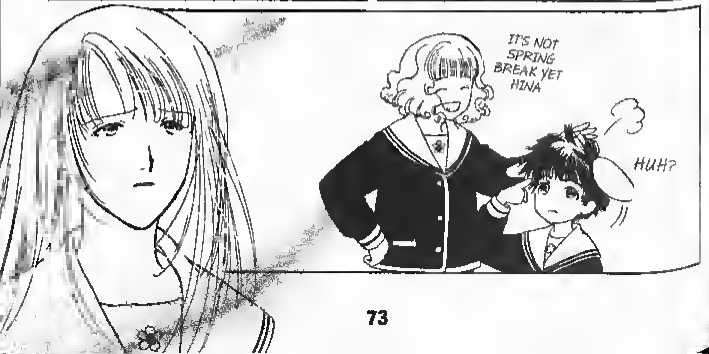
...HINA
?

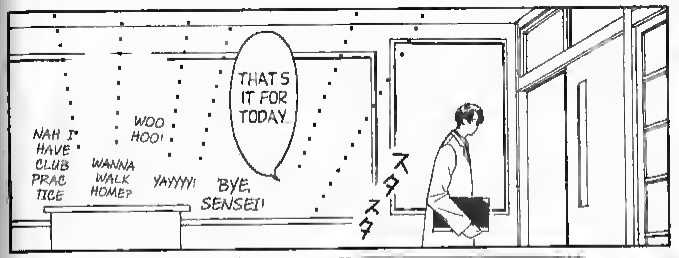
C'MON SENSEI! YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE FUN!
SERIOUSLY!


WHAT IS IT?
HUH?

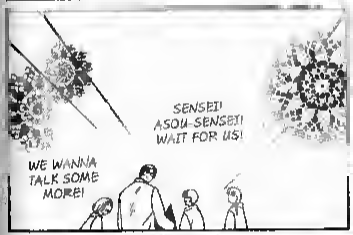

AYUP
AH HA HA
I WAS?


YOU WERE STARING INTO SPACE
WHAT
?

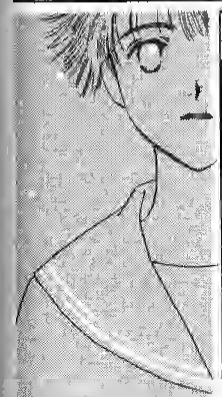

IT'S NOT SPRING BREAK YET HINA
HUH?

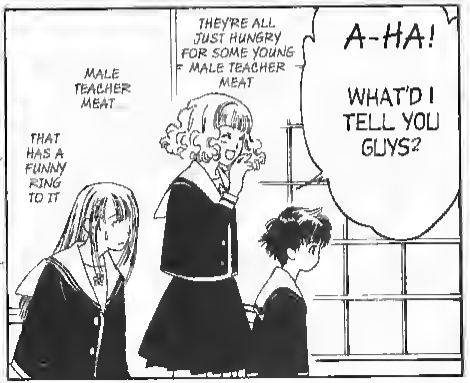

NAH I HAVE CLUB PRACTICE
WANNA WALK HOME?
WOO HOO!
YAYYY!
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.
BYE, SENSEI!

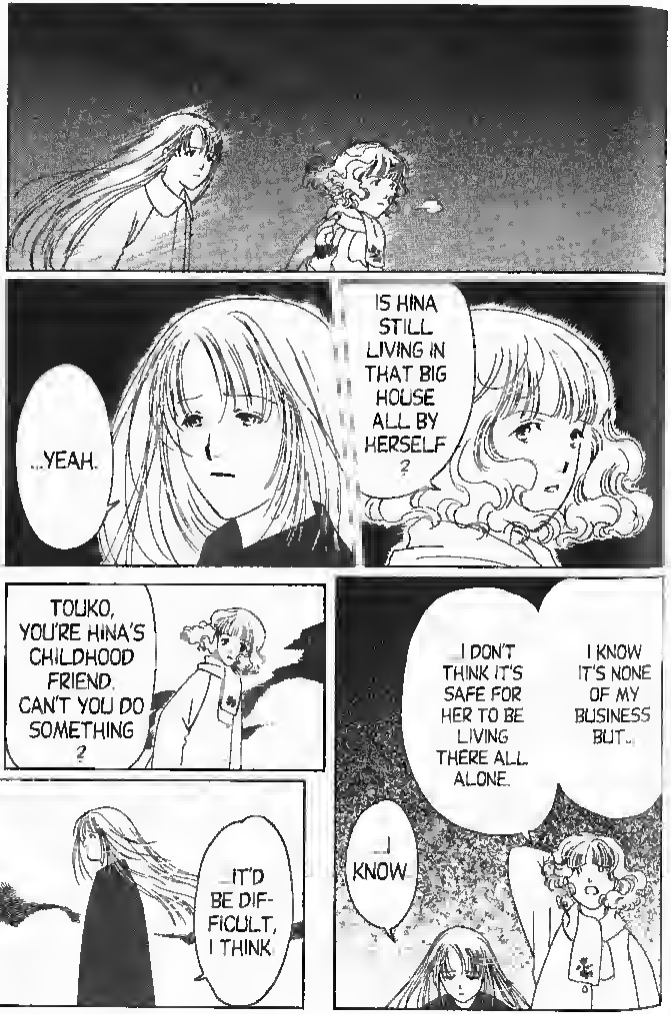
KYAAAH!!
WAIT!


SENSEI! ASOU-SENSEI! WAIT FOR US!
WE WANNA TALK SOME MORE!

A BIT DRY, ISN'T HE?
THAT WAS QUICK.




MALE TEACHER MEAT
THEY'RE ALL JUST HUNGRY FOR SOME YOUNG F MALE TEACHER MEAT
A-HA!
WHAT'D I TELL YOU GUYS?
THAT HAS A FUNNY RING TO IT


IS HINA STILL LIVING IN THAT BIG HOUSE ALL BY HERSELF?
...YEAH.
TOUKO, YOU'RE HINA'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?
I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS BUT...
...I DON'T THINK IT'S SAFE FOR HER TO BE LIVING THERE ALL ALONE.
...I KNOW
...IT'D BE DIFFICULT, I THINK.

I NEED TO GO BUY SOME MILK.
OH!

THAT BIG BLACK CAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOSS CAT HAS BEEN COMING BY THE HOUSE TO PLAY!

ANYWAY, I BETTER DROP BY THE SUPERMARKET!
SEE YA TOMORROW!
ALL RIGHT BE CAREFUL!

HE'S BEEN COMING BY TO DRINK MILK EVER SINCE!
YUP! I COULD NEVER HUG HIM, BUT THEN SENSEI TOSSED HIM TO ME THE OTHER DAY!
YEAH--PRETTY AMBIGUOUS PHRASING THERE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CAT?
...AND CHUBBY AND BLACK...
HE'S SO FUZZY AND SOFT...

I GUESS IT CAN BE TOUGH WHEN YOUR DAD IS FILTHY RICH.
YEAH.

YELLOW CHICK, YELLOW CHICK WHY DO YOU TURN WHITE?
DOES ALL YOUR FUZZY FUR DISAPPEAR INTO THE NIGHT? IT'S ALL SO STRANGE, IT'S ALL SO STRANGE (REPEAT AD NAUSEUM)

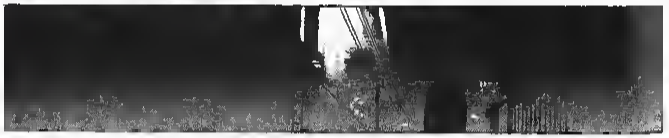
SENSEI!
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY HOME?!
IT WOULD SEEM SO
DAMN SHE'S FAST

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR DINNER?
THAT'S NO GOOD. YOU HAVE TO EAT RIGHT!
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU SOME PANCAKES.
HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.
THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS EAT 'TIL I'M FULL!
WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE ENERGY FOR ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T EAT PROPERLY! AN EMPTY STOMACH CAN ONLY LEAD TO SADNESS

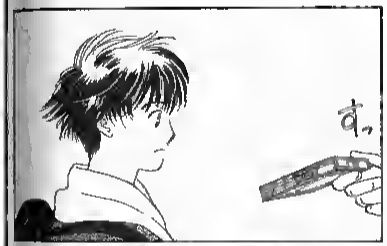
ALL THE SAME TO ME.
WE'RE HEADED THE SAME WAY ANYHOW
WELL... CAN I WALK HOME WITH YOU?
I DIDN'T.
YOU DIDN'T EAT?! WHY?
WASN'T CONVEN-IENT, I GUESS.
SENSEI... WHAT DID YOU EAT FOR BREAKFAST TODAY?
YIPPEE!

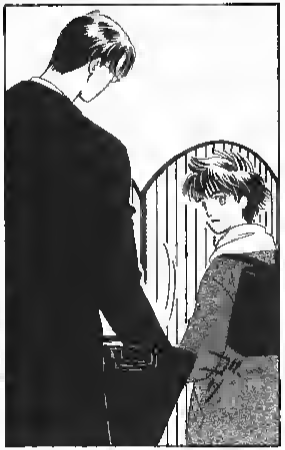
THANK YOU!!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM, THROW THEM AWAY.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D EAT THEM.

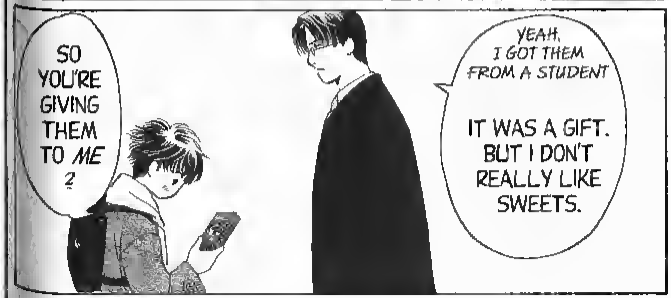


I LOVE GETTING GIFTS.
I LOVE CHOCO-LATES.





CHOCO-LATES ?


SO YOU'RE GIVING THEM TO ME ?
YEAH. I GOT THEM FROM A STUDENT
IT WAS A GIFT. BUT I DON'T REALLY LIKE SWEETS.

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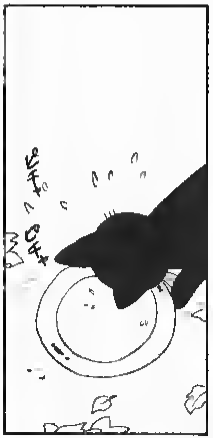
To Next

SUNDAY IS A WONDERFUL SOMEDAY!
SCHOOL'S OUT, BOO-HOO
BUT I'VE GOT LOTS TO DO!
SUNDAYS CAN BE KINDA BUSY
LET'S DO CHORES TIL WE ALL GET DIZZY!
RUSTLE
GOTTA DO DISHES, GOTTA DO LAUNDRY
OH WHAT A QUANDARY
HEY!
NYANKO !!

I LOVE TO BE TOUCHED.

I LOVE BEING TREATED KINDLY.

I LOVE HAVING THINGS I LOVE DONE TO ME!


SUKI
OUT

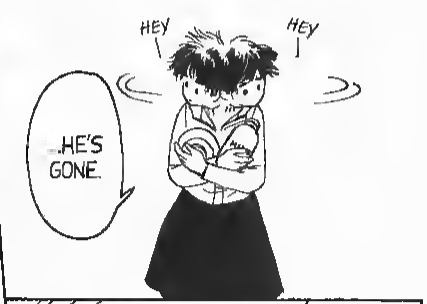
Wow!
Yippee!
SO I'M THE SUPPORTING CAST NOW
SENSEI AND NYANKO!!

WAIT RIGHT THERE! I'LL GO GET YOU SOME MILK!

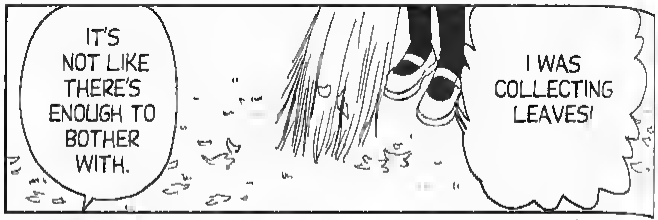
HUH?

MILK
HERE YOU GO!

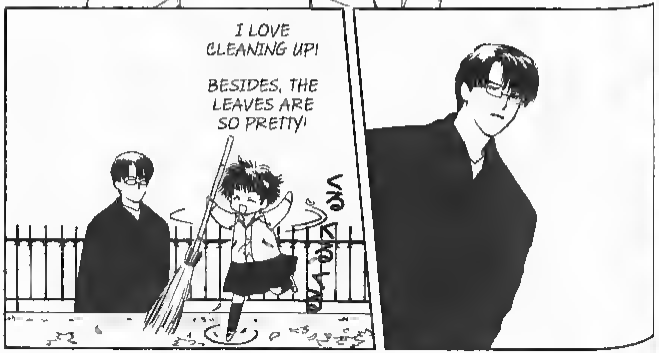
NYANKO?!
HERE, KITTY KITTY! MILK FOR YOU!!


HEY
HEY
..HE'S GONE.

SOB!
MAYBE HE COULDN'T WAIT AND JUST WENT HOME.

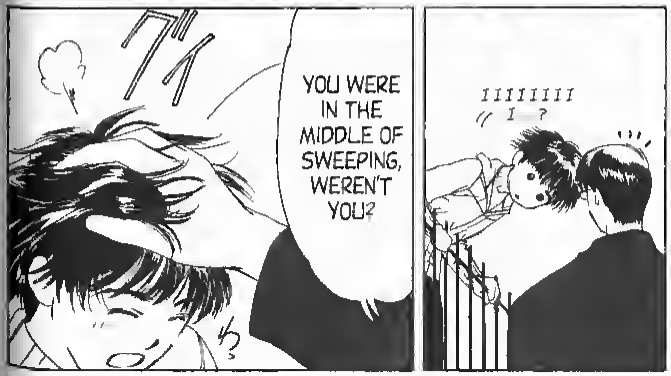

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ENOUGH TO BOTHER WITH.
I WAS COLLECTING LEAVES!

Y'SEE, I LIVE ALONE.
I KNOW BUT I SHOULD CLEAN UP WHENEVER I REMEMBER TO.


I LOVE CLEANING UP!
BESIDES, THE LEAVES ARE SO PRETTY!
SWEEP SWEEP

WELL, SO DO YOU.
SO--LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE THE DAY OFF, SENSEI!

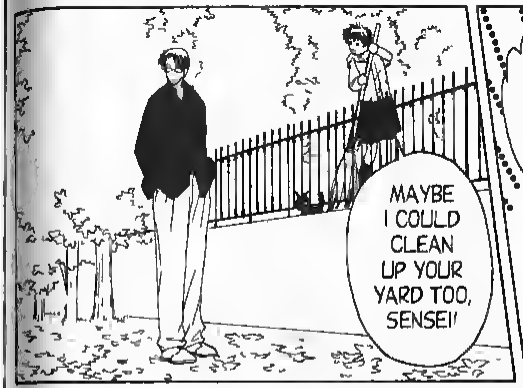
I...?
I...
BUT SOME TEACHERS GO TO SCHOOL ON SUNDAYS, TOO, RIGHT?

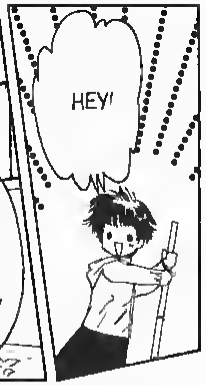

YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF SWEEPING, WEREN'T YOU?
IIIIIIII
I...?

YOU CAN GET IN FROM HERE.

TO YOUR HOUSE, SILLY.

WHOA!
BUT THE FENCE


MAYBE I COULD CLEAN UP YOUR YARD TOO, SENSEI!


HEY!

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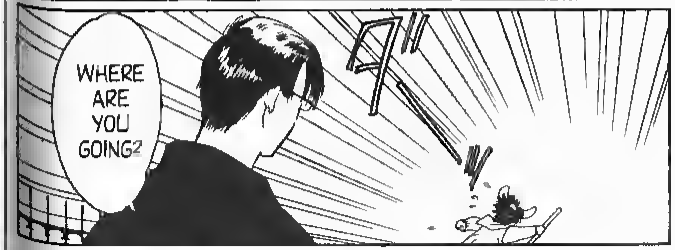
I ALWAYS WANTED TO CLEAN UP THIS PLACE!

YOUR HOUSE WAS EMPTY FOR SO LONG THAT THE LEAVES REALLY PILED UP!
'CAUSE NOBODY WAS AROUND TO SWEEP 'EM

YIPPEE !!
...OKAY.


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

O-KAY! LET'S START CLEANING!
LET'S SWEEP UP THIS PILE OF LEAVES TIME TO WORK. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES!
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OH--I GET IT!
YOU'RE GONNA THROW THEM AWAY, HUH?!
IF YOU UNDER-STAND, THEN TAKE THE BAG.
WELL, WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH ALL THESE LEAVES ?
HM ? A GAR BAGE BAG?

EH YOU'RE JUST LIGHT
WOWWW!
YOU SURE ARE STRONG, SENSEI!
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YEAH... YOU SURE YOU'RE EATING ENOUGH?
ME? LIGHT?
AND LATELY I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT COOKING MY OWN STUFF!
UH-HUH! I LOVE TO EAT!
I LOVE BREAD AND UDON AND PASTA, TOO!

HEY, SENSEI... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S FULL!
...SOMETHING ELSE I LOVE TO DO.
MAY AS WELL.
YOU MEAN... YOU WANNA GO TO MY HOUSE?!
HUH?
WELL, WE HAVE TO DO YOUR HOUSE NEXT, RIGHT?
OKAY !!
WELL? HURRY UP.

NOW, GET DOWN THERE.
HOLD IT OPEN..
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I CLEANED WITH SOMEBODY...
LOOK, SENSEI! THE CAT'S IN THE BAG!
DO YOU WANNA GO IN TOO, NYANKO?

THEN... WHY DON'T WE EAT PANCAKES TOGETHER?!
NOPE
DIDN'T EAT BREAK-FAST EITHER
WELL--DID YOU EAT LUNCH ALREADY?!
HMM...
...I DON'T HATE THEM.
WHY?
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR A TEACHER TO EAT WITH A STUDENT... AT HER HOUSE... FOR NO PARTICULAR REASON?

GOOD WORK
WE GOT A LOT DONE DIDN'T WE, NYANKO?
SENSEI!
DO YOU LIKE PANCAKES ?!

ER.. WHAT'S WITH THE TEDDY BEARS?
ONE TEA WITH NO SUGAR OR MILK.
HERE YOU GO!
WE ALWAYS EAT TOGETHER!
OH AND THEY SAY HELLO AND GOODBYE TO ME, TOO
THIS IS WAKA, THIS IS TONO
TONO
WAKA
OH--YOU MEAN TONO AND WAKA?

WELL, I'M SURE THEY'RE DELICIOUS
INFORM-ATION?
YOUR PAN-CAKES
HUH?
...IT SEEMS MY INFORMATION WAS CORRECT.
YIPPEE!!
...I'LL STAY, THEN
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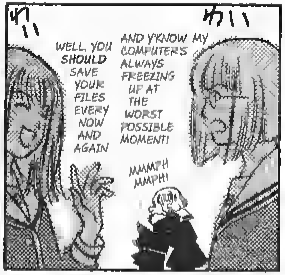
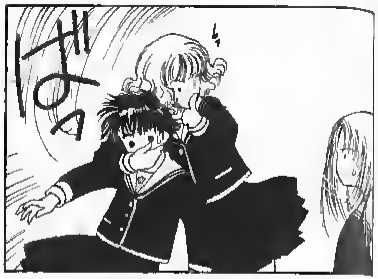
THEY SURE ARE!

FOOD'LL BE READY IN JUST A SEC.
WANNA TRY SOME TIGER BUTTER. ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY THAT BUTTER... PANCAKES. PANCAKES LOOK SO NICE
HERE YA GO!
ALLLL READY!
YOU REALLY DO LIVE ALONE... DON'T YOU?
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT!
...THANK YOU.

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE DONE THIS WITH ANYONE BESIDES EMI-CHAN AND TOUKO-CHAN.
I'M EATING WITH SOMEONE AT MY HOUSE.
WE'RE EATING TOGETHER.
BUT IT TASTES SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU EAT IT WITH SOMEONE YOU LIKE!
FOOD IS DELICIOUS, EVEN WHEN I'M BY MYSELF.
I LOVE IT.
I LIKE EATING WITH SOMEONE.
PLEASE, HAVE SOME MORE-- THERE'S PLENTY!
I MEAN, I LOVE PANCAKES TOO, BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.
UH, NO!
HUH?
YOU MEAN THE PANCAKES?

H... HOW IS IT?!
..NOT BAD.
WELL... DIG IN!
I'M SO GLAD!
I'M GONNA EAT NOW TOO, 'KAY?
WHY WOULD I LIE?
REALLY ?!
OH GOOD-- THEY COOKED ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE MIDDLE!


WELL, YOU SHOULD SAVE YOUR FILES EVERY NOW AND AGAIN
AND YKNOW MY COMPUTER'S ALWAYS FREEZING UP AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT!
MMMPH MMPH!



LET'S GO OUTSIDE.
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EMI-CHAN--MMPHHHHH!
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PHEW DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE HEARD

YOU ARE SO *DENSE*!!

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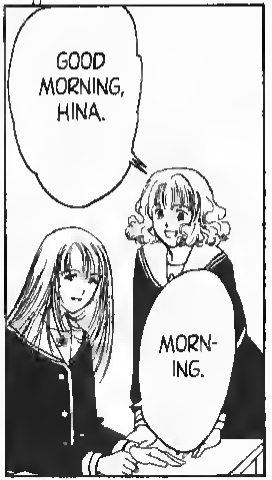
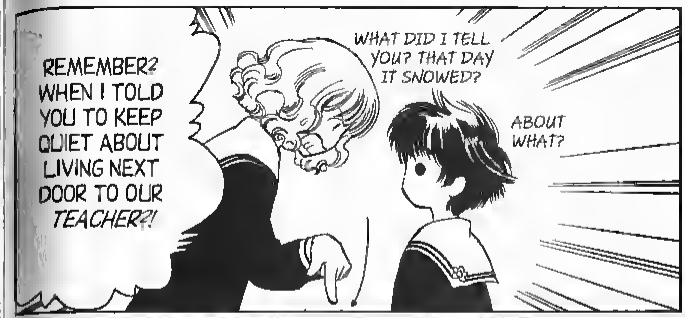
GOOD MORNING!!

THAT'S 'CAUSE I ATE PANCAKES WITH SENSE! AT MY HOUSE!
YOU'VE GOT EVEN MORE OF A SPRING IN YOUR STEP THAN USUAL.
LIKE A BUNNY RABBIT!

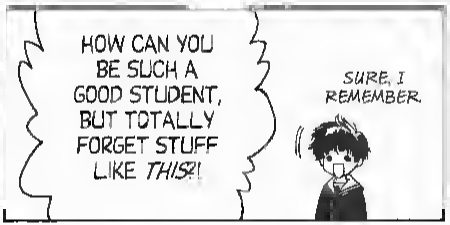

GOOD MORNING, HINA.
MORN-ING.

YUP! WE CLEANED THE YARD TOGETHER, AND THEN WE ATE PANCAKES AT MY HOUSE!
Y SEE?!
...HINA...

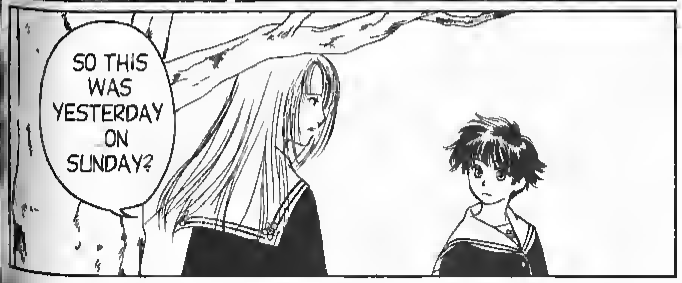
IT'D BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I'D EATEN WITH ANYONE AT HOME! I WAS SO HAPPY!


REMEMBER? WHEN I TOLD YOU TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT LIVING NEXT DOOR TO OUR TEACHER?!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU? THAT DAY IT SNOWED?
ABOUT WHAT?

AND ONCE AGAIN, WE'VE CROSSED THE LINE FROM DENSE TO DUMB.
NOPE!


HOW CAN YOU BE SUCH A GOOD STUDENT, BUT TOTALLY FORGET STUFF LIKE THIS?!
SURE, I REMEMBER.

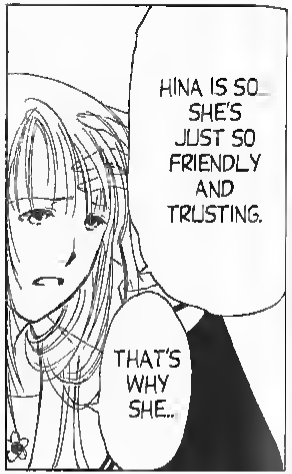
YOU DON'T THINK A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL EATING PANCAKES WITH HER 32-YEAR-OLD MALE TEACHER IS JUST A LITTLE BIT QUESTIONABLE?!
I DIDN'T FORGET. I JUST DIDN'T THINK IT NEEDED TO BE A SECRET.

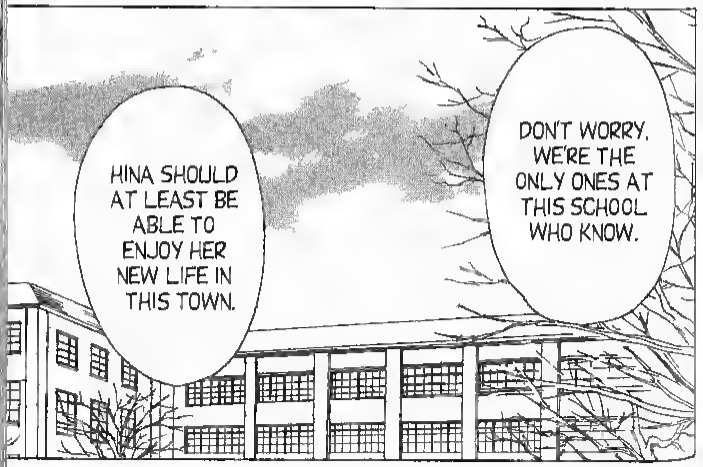

SO THIS WAS YESTERDAY ON SUNDAY?

BUT IT MIGHT MATTER TO SENSEI
THAT WOULDN'T MATTER TO ME
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HIS PERSONALITY?
THE OTHER GIRLS MIGHT GET JEALOUS, AND THAT COULD CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOU.
BESIDES, WHAT IF HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND?
REALLY TROUBLE?
A GIRLFRIEND
HUH? WHY AM I SO SURPRISED?

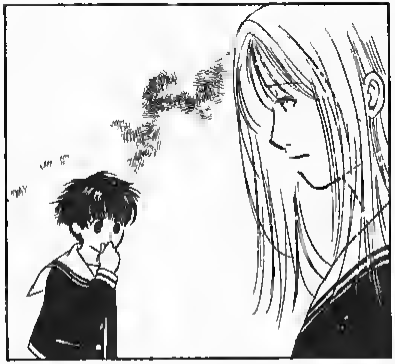
IT'S JUST... I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO BE ALONE WITH SENSEI.
...I SEE.
YOU SEE?
LOOK, ASOU-SENSEI IS POPULAR WITH THE LADIES... EVEN WITH HIS PERSONALITY.
WELL
WHY?

I KNOW. THAT'S WHY INCIDENTS HAPPEN...


HINA IS SO... SHE'S JUST SO FRIENDLY AND TRUSTING.
THAT'S WHY SHE...


HINA SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO ENJOY HER NEW LIFE IN THIS TOWN.
DON'T WORRY. WE'RE THE ONLY ONES AT THIS SCHOOL WHO KNOW.

OH!
WAIT-- DON'T YOU HAVE HOME-ROOM DUTY TODAY, HINA?



I GUESS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TEACH COMMON SENSE.

THAT'S RIGHT!
I GOTTA GET BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM!
SEE YOU GUYS LATER!

WHOA!
GOTTA HURRY GOTTA HURRY
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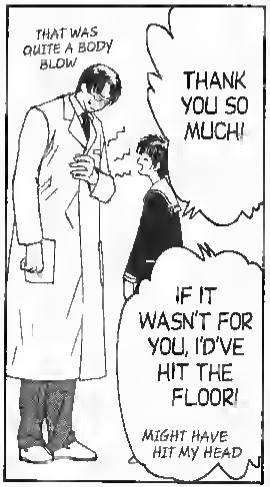
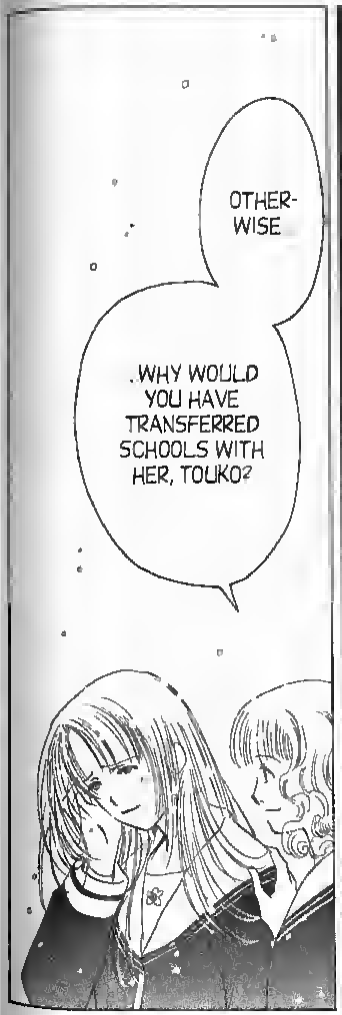
HUH?


THAT WAS QUITE A BODY BLOW
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, I'D'VE HIT THE FLOOR!
MIGHT HAVE HIT MY HEAD

SENSE!!


OTHER-WISE
.WHY WOULD YOU HAVE TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS WITH HER, TOUKO?

NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT HINA'S FAMILY.
SHE'S VERY SMART. EVEN IF SHE IS DENSE. REALLY, SHE'S JUST A CUTE, NORMAL GIRL.

I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU
WHAT?
WE DID WALK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER THIS MORNING.
I KNOW! BUT I'M GLAD ANYWAY!
HE REMEMBERED I HAD HOMEROOM DUTY!
I MEAN, HE IS MY HOMEROOM TEACHER, BUT IT STILL MAKES ME HAPPY!
OH. THAT'S RIGHT!
WELL, YOU HAVE HOMEROOM DUTY, RIGHT? SO, RUN ALONG.
SEE YA LATER, SENSE!!
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HE REMEMBERS THINGS ABOUT ME.

HE DOES ALL THE THINGS I LOVE SO MUCH!

HE PATTED ME ON THE HEAD AGAIN.

SHIRO ASOU-SENSEI...

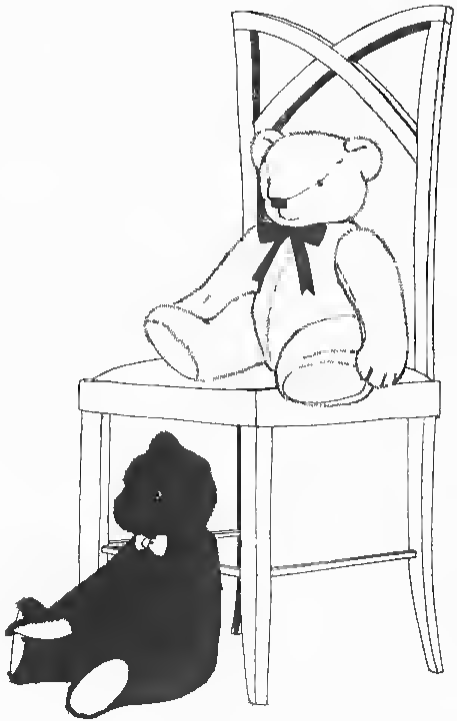
...I REALLY LIKE YOU!

To Next

A SERENDIPITOUS LOVE...

...I LOVE SERENDIPITY.

MY LOVE JUST GROWS AND GROWS.



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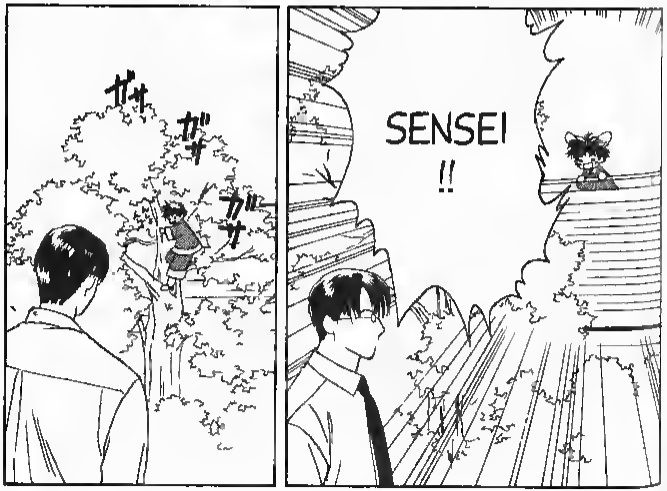
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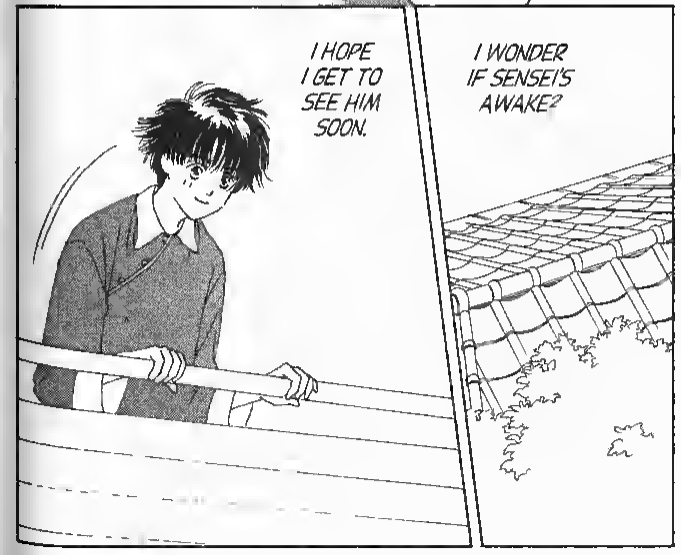
SPRING'S ALREADY HERE!
I THINK I'LL LEAVE MY COAT AT HOME!
IT'S SO WARM TODAY!


I HOPE I GET TO SEE HIM SOON.
I WONDER IF SENSEI'S AWAKE?

YOU REALLY ARE EXACTLY AS THEY DESCRIBED.
I DON'T GET IT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY!
ASOU-SENSEI IS THINKING ABOUT ME RIGHT NOW.
IS HE REMEMBERING SOMETHING HE HEARD ABOUT ME?
WHAT?
NOTHING. I'M JUST HAPPY.
Y'MEAN I CLIMB TREES LIKE A MONKEY?!
A MONKEY?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
..WOW YOU'RE LIKE A MONKEY
GOOD MORNING!
BESIDES, YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR PAJAMAS
I MEAN, YOU ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL
..I'D THINK MOST GIRLS WOULD BE INSULTED AT BEING COMPARED TO A MONKEY
Yippee!
..THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.
YUP.. I AM STILL WEARING PAJAMAS. IT'S KINDA COLD, Y'KNOW?
Brrr
WHY? MONKEYS ARE CUTE!

OH--
EMI-CHAN!
GOOD
MORNING!
YOU ALWAYS
SING THE
WEIRDEST
SONGS,
HINA!
KUMA-SAN
THE LITTLE
BLACK BEAR
IS BEST
FRIENDS
WITH BROWN
KUMA-SAN
THERE HE
GOES TO THE
BAKER IN THE
WOODS AND
BUYS SOME
BAUMKUCHEN
SO GOOD!
"KEEP THE
CHANGE."
HE TELLS
THE BAKER...
YUP! THE
WEATHER'S
SO NICE!
IT'S ALL
WARM!
YOU'RE A
BALL OF
ENERGY...
AS
USUAL.
*Baumkuchen – A festive German holiday cake
AH
HA
HA
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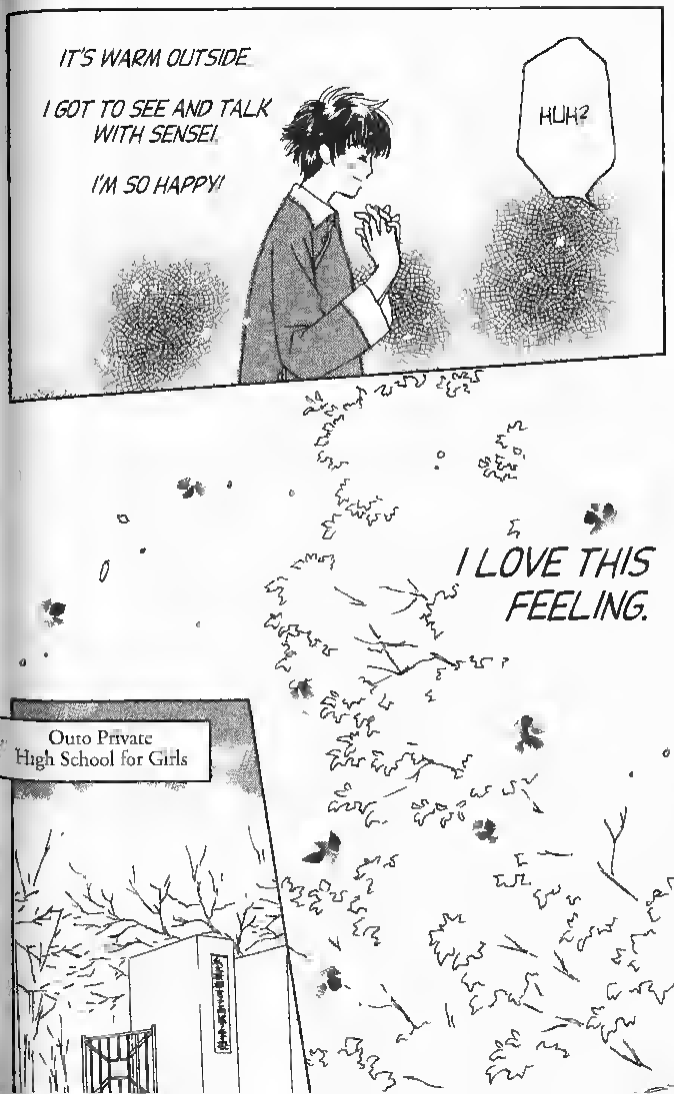
AH, OUR
INNOCENT
MAIDEN--ALWAYS
FILLED WITH
THE JOYS OF
SPRINGTIME!
Morning!
Hey,
Hinata.
Good
Morning!
GOOD
MORNING!
HINA'S HERE
LET THE
GAMES
BEGIN


IT'S WARM OUTSIDE.
I GOT TO SEE AND TALK
WITH SENSEI.
I'M SO HAPPY!
HUH?
I LOVE THIS
FEELING.
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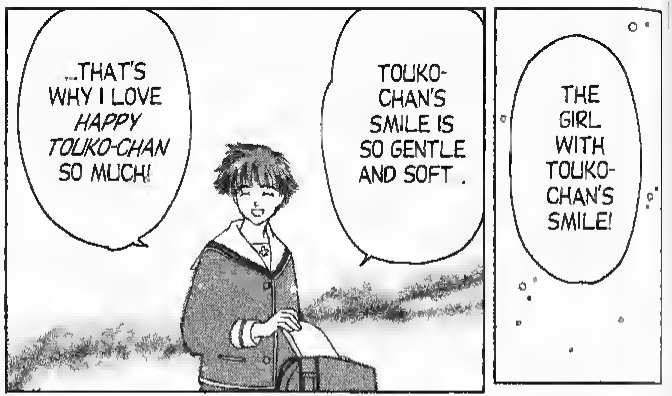
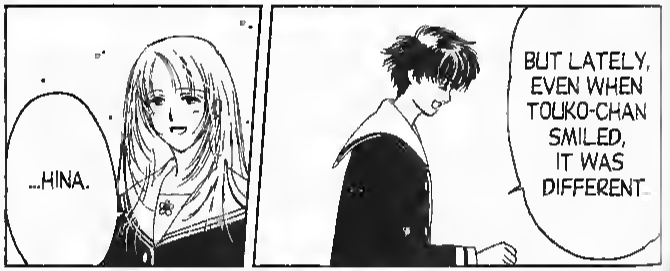
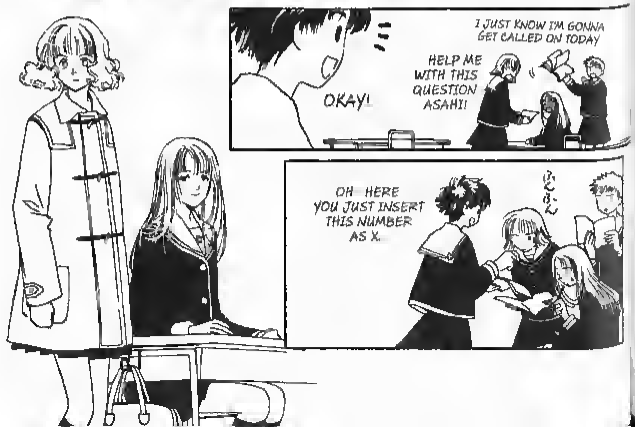
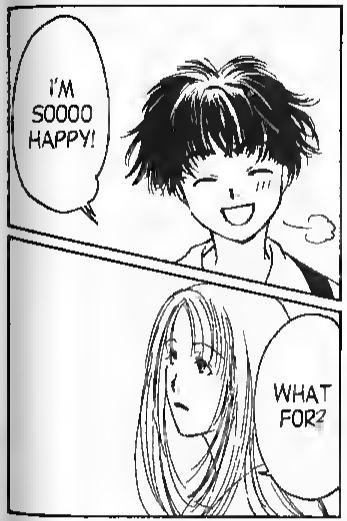
High School for Girls

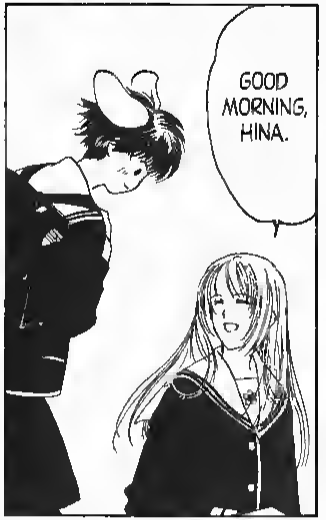

...THAT'S WHY I LOVE HAPPY TOUKO-CHAN SO MUCH!
TOUKO-CHAN'S SMILE IS SO GENTLE AND SOFT.
THE GIRL WITH TOUKO-CHAN'S SMILE!

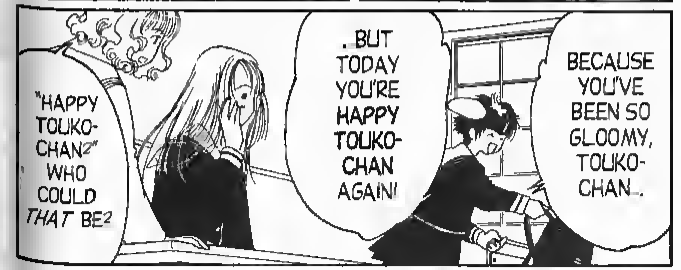

...HINA.
BUT LATELY, EVEN WHEN TOUKO-CHAN SMILED, IT WAS DIFFERENT.


I JUST KNOW I'M GONNA GET CALLED ON TODAY
HELP ME WITH THIS QUESTION ASAHI!
OKAY!
OH HERE YOU JUST INSERT THIS NUMBER AS X.

TOUKO-CHAN!


I'M SOOOO HAPPY!
WHAT FOR?


GOOD MORNING, HINA.

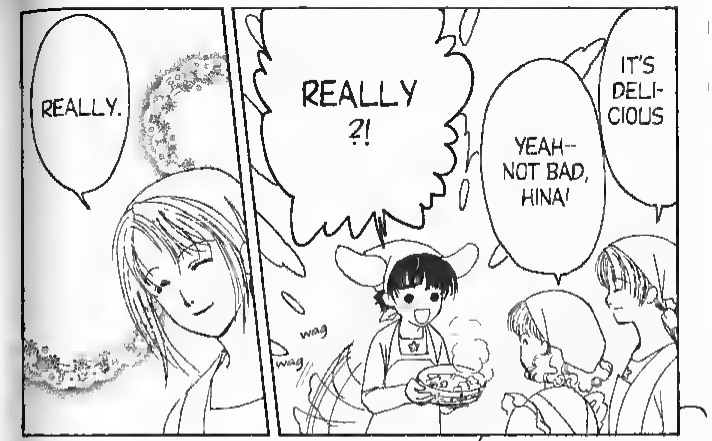

"HAPPY TOUKO-CHAN?" WHO COULD THAT BE?
..BUT TODAY YOU'RE HAPPY TOUKO-CHAN AGAIN!
BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN SO GLOOMY, TOUKO-CHAN...

SHE HAS HER BRAINY MOMENTS EVERY SO OFTEN.
BUT THAT'S NAIVETÉ FOR YA
YEAH...
YOU DO HAVE A REALLY BIG SMILE ON YOUR FACE TODAY, TOUKO.
WHAT?!
WHAT?!
OUTO HIGH'S IDIOT SAVANT, WORRIED ABOUT OUTO'S PRETTIEST STUDENT. CLEARLY, THE SKY IS ABOUT TO FALL.

COOKING CLASSROOM
THAT CHINESE FRYING PAN IS HEAVY ENOUGH GO FOR IT!
I DID IT!
YEESH... NOT SO LOUD!
WHAT'S THAT, ASAHI? YOU DID IT? WAY TO GO, HINATA!
I DID IT! I DID IT!
DO PEOPLE USUALLY GET THAT EXCITED OVER MAKING HAPPOSAI?
WELL, THAT'S HINA FOR YOU
TRY IT!

*Happosai = stirfried vegetables

HEY-- WANNA GO OUT FOR RAMEN ON THE WAY HOME?
IT'S JUST A PICTURE BOOK
STOOD UP FOR BOOKS? SHEESH. DO YOU REALLY NEED TO GET ANY SMARTER, HINA?
THE BOOK-STORE
WELL... AT LEAST THAT SUITS YOU.
SORRY, I HAVE AN ERRAND TO RUN


REALLY.
REALLY ?!
YEAH-- NOT BAD, HINA!
IT'S DELI-CIOUS
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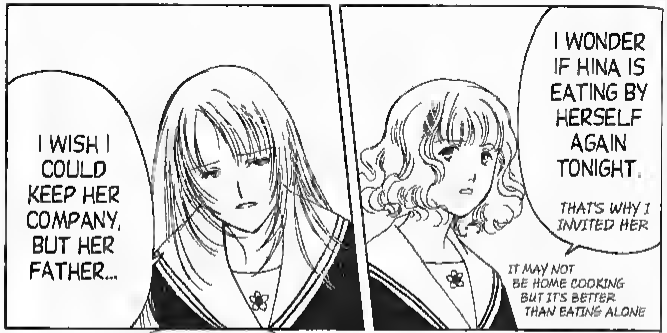
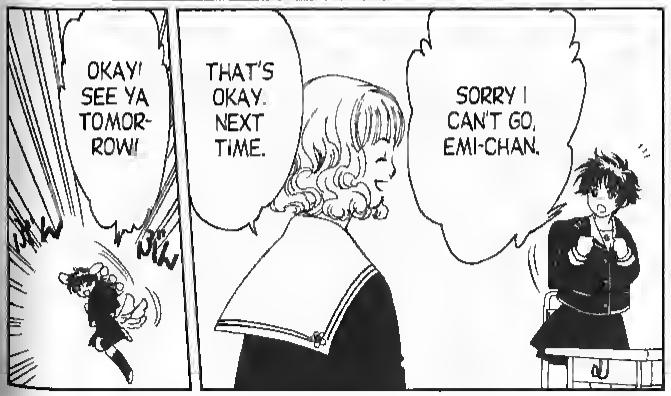
MAYBE I CAN COOK THIS FOR SENSEI.
ALL RIGHT! NOW I HAVE ANOTHER RECIPE!


I WISH I COULD KEEP HER COMPANY, BUT HER FATHER...
I WONDER IF HINA IS EATING BY HERSELF AGAIN TONIGHT.
THAT'S WHY I INVITED HER
IT MAY NOT BE HOME COOKING BUT IT'S BETTER THAN EATING ALONE

WHAT ABOUT HINA'S FATHER?

HE SAID HINA DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR ANYONE ANYMORE.
HER DECISION? HMM...
...HE TOLD ME IT WAS HINA'S DECISION TO LIVE BY HERSELF.
THAT'S WHY SHE DECIDED TO LIVE BY HERSELF. SO SHE WOULDN'T MAKE ANYONE ELSE SAD.

YOU MEAN THE ONE YOU SHOWED US... WITH THE BEAR?
THE NEW ONE'S COMING OUT TODAY.
THIS IS A REALLY GOOD BOOK, THOUGH IT'S BY ONE OF MY FAVORITE AUTHORS!
SEEING AS HOW YOU'RE A KID AND ALL.
THAT'S THE ONE!


OKAY! SEE YA TOMOR-ROW!
THAT'S OKAY. NEXT TIME.
SORRY I CAN'T GO, EMI-CHAN.

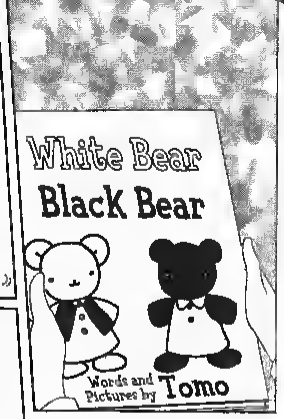
AND... HINA'S DAD IS OKAY WITH THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.
HE'S ALWAYS BUSY WITH WORK, SO I'VE ONLY MET HIM A FEW TIMES.
WORK, HUH..?
WELL, HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS SCHOOL.
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PRINCIPAL, EVEN
AND HE OWNS A BUNCH OF OTHER COMPANIES, TOO. SO I GUESS HE WOULD BE THAT BUSY
HINA'S MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE, RIGHT?
...YEAH.

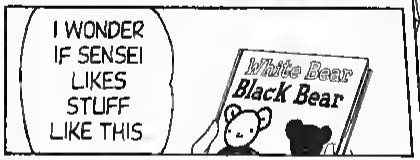
I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT HINA'S FATHER'S GOT ISSUES.
..YEAH
TEE KYA HEE
OOOOH SENSEI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
FORGET SOMETHING SENSEI?
NO..

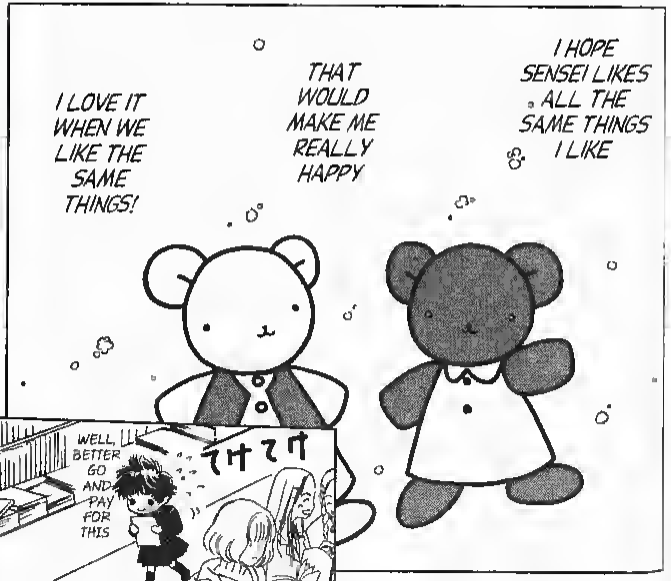
I WONDER IF SENSEI'S STILL AT SCHOOL?
I JUST RUSHED RIGHT OUT OF THERE TODAY.
USUALLY WE WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL TOGETHER.
TRA LA LA LET'S BUY BOOKS SOME BOOKS SOME BOOKS! BOOKS ARE WHAT I LIKE TO LOOK! AND WHAT'S EVEN MORE AMAZING... SOME USE BOOKS AS PILLOW CASINGS!
I HOPE MY BOOK IS IN!
IT'S PROBABLY USUALLY JUST A COINCIDENCE. BUT IT STILL MAKES ME HAPPY

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
SEEMS HE DIDN'T FIND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR.
TOUKO-CHAN? WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY-- SENSEI!
WAIT FO(. US. SENSEI! SENSEI!!!
..WAS LOOKING AT HINA'S DESK.
ASOU-SENSEI..

I'M GONNA TAKE THIS HOME RIGHT NOW AND READ IT WITH WAKA AND TONO!


White Bear
Black Bear
Words and Pictures by Tomo


I WONDER IF SENSEI LIKES STUFF LIKE THIS
White Bear
Black Bear


I LOVE IT WHEN WE LIKE THE SAME THINGS!
THAT WOULD MAKE ME REALLY HAPPY
I HOPE SENSEI LIKES ALL THE SAME THINGS I LIKE
WELL, I BETTER GO AND PAY FOR THIS
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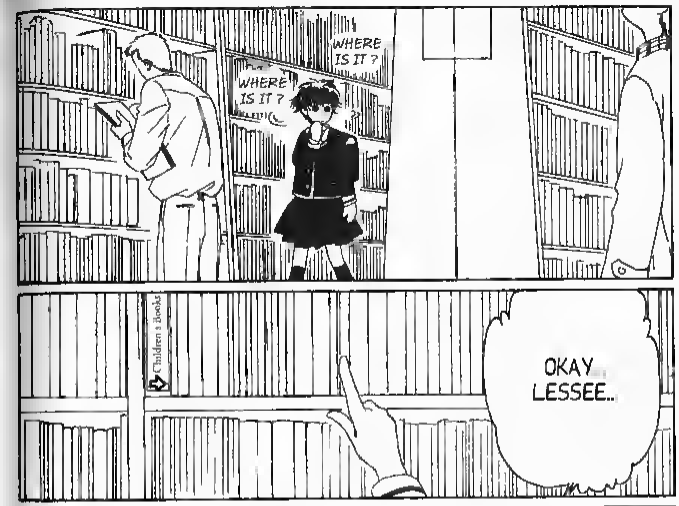
WHERE IS IT?
WHERE IS IT?
Children's Books
OKAY LESSEE..

HERE IT IS!!

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MR. BEAR,
MR. BEAR...
I HOPE I HOPE I HOPE IT'S THERE IF IT IS, I'M GONNA BUY IT AND READ IT ON THE SPOT

WHO YOU CALLIN' SENSEI?
HMPH!
BUT YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU? EVEN IF IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY

LISTEN, I JUST DO WHAT THEY TELL ME
EVEN KIZU WAS AT A LOSS FOR WORDS-- IT MUST'VE REALLY FLOORED HIM.

HMM
HA HA HA
I MEAN, I KNOW IT'S ONLY A JOB... BUT YOU SHAPING YOUNG MINDS?

IT'S SENSEI!!
SE
I RAN INTO HIM AGAIN!
SENSEI.
HUH?

I WOULD... WHAT?
I WOULD WHAT?

HEE HEE
OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL ENJOY IT AT LEAST UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE.
YEAH, LAUGH IT UP WHILE YOU CAN, TOMOAKI. SOON AS THIS JOB'S OVER...
FINE, FINE. IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO MY HOUSE... I'D FEEL WEIRD JUST IGNORING YOU.
ANY-WAY, YOU SHOULDN'T TALK TO ME WHILE I'M WORKING
LOOK, TOMOAKI. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS JOB, I WOULD...
AH, BUT COINCIDENCE CAN BE A SCARY THING SHIRO. I MEAN, LOOK AT YOU- YOU'VE BECOME A TEACHER AT AN ALL-GIRL SCHOOL.
THAT'S JUST A COINCI-DENCE

WAS THAT A FRIEND OF YOURS?
..NO.
SOUNDS LIKE A FRIEND TO ME!
...JUST SOME-ONE I KNOW.
MORE LIKE AN UNSAVORY ACQUAIN-TANCE...
I'LL BET EMI-CHAN WOULD LOVE TO MEET HIM. TOUKO-CHAN SAYS EMI-CHAN'S PICKY ABOUT LOOKS
HE WAS BEAUTIFUL ...
... REALLY COOL LOOKING!
SO... HOW MUCH DID YOU HEAR?
HUH?

OUR CONVERSATION AT THE BOOKSTORE— ME AND THAT GUY.
?
WELL, YOU'RE HERE ON BUSINESS— RIGHT, SENSEI?

I'LL BET YOU SCHOOL-TEACHERS HAVE A REALLY TOUGH JOB.
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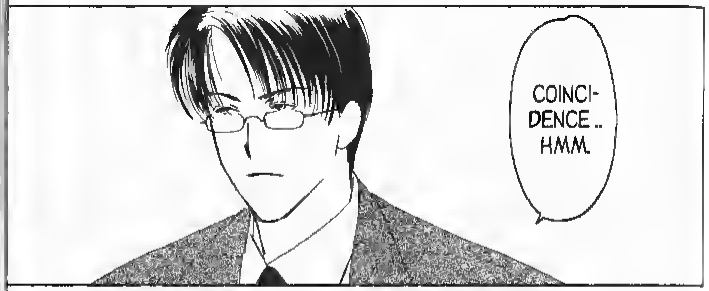
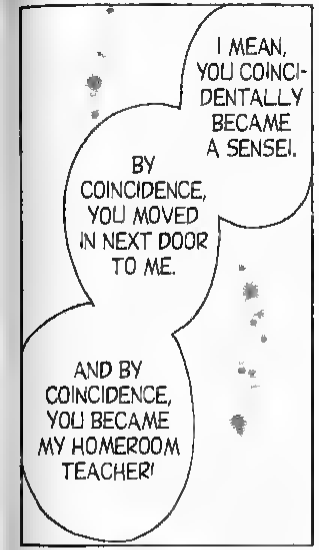


AND BY COINCIDENCE, I GOT TO MEET ASOU-SENSEI...


I MEAN, YOU COINCI-DENTALLY BECAME A SENSEI.
BY COINCIDENCE, YOU MOVED IN NEXT DOOR TO ME.
AND BY COINCIDENCE, YOU BECAME MY HOMEROOM TEACHER!

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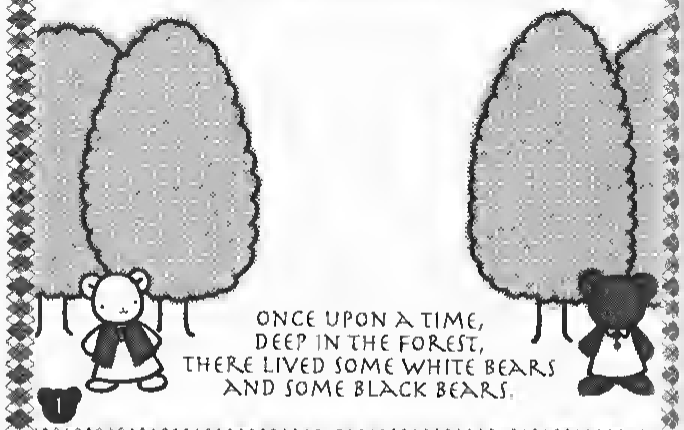
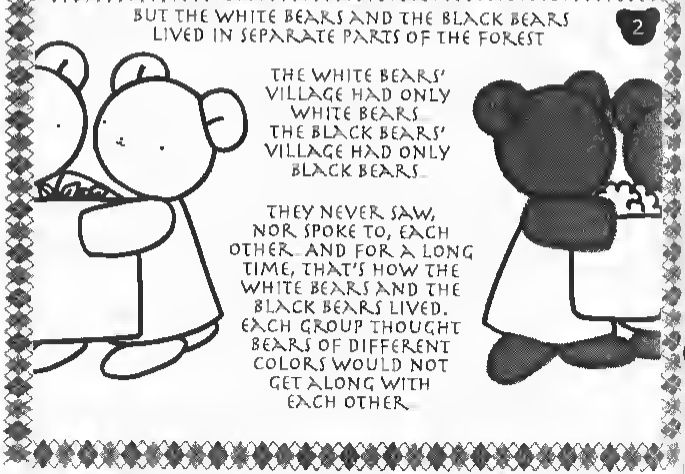
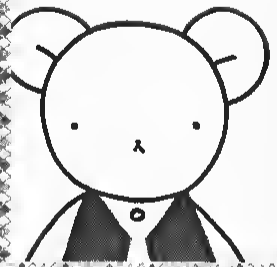




I LOVE MY FRIENDS.

I LOVE BEING FRIENDS.

BUT IS *ANOTHER* KIND OF LOVE
WHAT I REALLY WANT?



BUT THE BLACK BEAR CALLED TO THE WHITE BEAR: "WAIT!" WHEN THE WHITE BEAR TURNED, HE SAW THE BLACK BEAR SMILE. SHE ASKED, "ARE YOU THE ONE WHO TIED THE RIBBON TO THIS RASPBERRY TREE?"

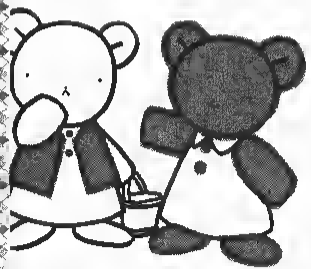
"YES," THE WHITE BEAR ANSWERED. HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BLACK BEAR WOULD ASK SUCH A QUESTION. PERHAPS THE BLACK BEAR WAS BEING CRUEL, HE THOUGHT--TAKING HIS RASPBERRIES AND TEASING HIM FOR TYING THE RIBBON TO THE TREE! THIS MADE THE WHITE BEAR VERY SAD. BUT THEN THE BLACK BEAR SMILED KINDLY...

THEN, ONE DAY...

A YOUNG WHITE BEARWENT TO PICK RASPBERRIES AT THE FAR END OF THE FOREST.

HE HAD TIED A RIBBON TO A NEARLY-RIPE RASPBERRY TREE THE DAY BEFORE.

BUT WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE TREE, HE FOUND A BLACK BEAR STANDING NEXT TO IT.

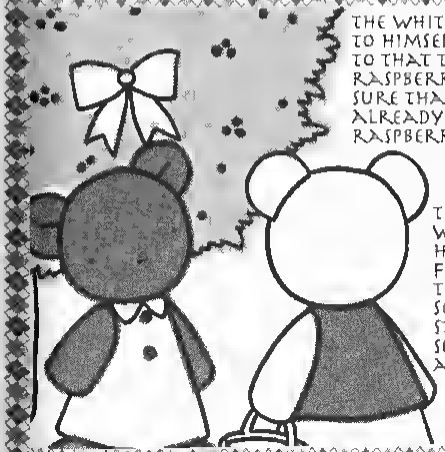


"GOOD THING I ASKED. THESE RASPBERRIES MUST BELONG TO YOU. AND THEY'RE VERY RIPE FOR THE PICKING!"

THE WHITE BEAR WAS SURPRISED AFTER TAKING A GOOD LOOK, HE REALIZED THE TREE WAS INDEED AS HE HAD LEFT IT THE DAY BEFORE. NONE OF THE RASPBERRIES WERE PICKED.

COCKING HIS HEAD IN AMAZEMENT, HE SAID,

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY DIDN'T *YOU* PICK THE RASPBERRIES?"



THE WHITE BEAR THOUGHT TO HIMSELF, "I TIED A RIBBON TO THAT TREE SO I COULD PICK RASPBERRIES FROM IT. BUT I'M SURE THAT BLACK BEAR HAS ALREADY PICKED ALL OF MY RASPBERRIES."

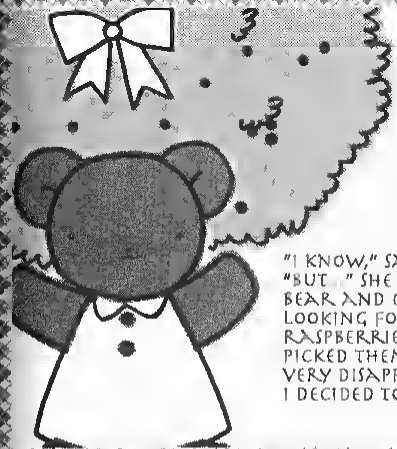
THE WHITE BEAR WAS DISAPPOINTED... HE WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO PICKING THOSE RASPBERRIES SO HE SIGHED AND STARTED OFF TO SEARCH FOR ANOTHER TREE.

COLOR DIDN'T MATTER.

BEARS OF DIFFERENT COLORS COULD BECOME FRIENDS ... IF THEY COULD ONLY MEET AND TALK.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER?" THE BLACK BEAR ASKED WORRIEDLY. THE WHITE BEAR WAS SO DEEP IN THOUGHT THAT HE HAD GROWN SILENT.

"DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?" SHE ASKED. "DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?" "NO," REPLIED THE WHITE BEAR. "IT'S NOT THAT."



"WELL, THERE WAS A RIBBON TIED TO THIS TREE," THE BLACK BEAR SAID. "SO I THOUGHT IT WAS ALREADY SPOKEN FOR." "EVEN SO," THE WHITE BEAR SAID, "IF SOMEONE ELSE HAD PICKED THE BERRIES, I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN."

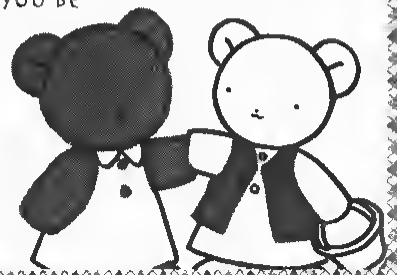
"I KNOW," SAID THE BLACK BEAR. "BUT ..." SHE SMILED AT THE WHITE BEAR AND CONTINUED, "IF I WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO PICKING RASPBERRIES AND SOMEBODY ELSE PICKED THEM FIRST, I WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED. THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO GUARD THIS TREE."

THEN HE TURNED TO THE BLACK BEAR AND SAID, "WHY DON'T WE PICK THESE RASPBERRIES TOGETHER, AND SHARE THEM EQUALLY?" "THESE RASPBERRIES ARE YOURS," PROTESTED THE BLACK BEAR. "BUT YOU GUARDED THEM FOR ME," THE WHITE BEAR REPLIED.

THEN THE WHITE BEAR SMILED AT THE BLACK BEAR AND SAID, "WOULD YOU BE MY FRIEND?"

THE BLACK BEAR LOOKED SURPRISED AT FIRST, THEN SMILED BACK.

"OF COURSE," SHE SAID.



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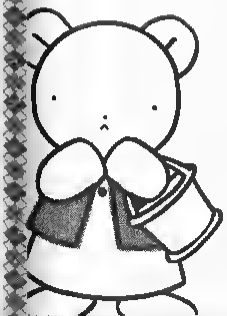

THE WHITE BEAR WAS VERY EMBARRASSED. HE HAD JUST ASSUMED THAT THE BLACK BEAR WAS PLANNING TO STEAL HIS RASPBERRIES.

AND THEN, WHEN HE THOUGHT THAT HIS MISTAKE ALMOST HURT THE BLACK BEAR'S FEELINGS, HE BECAME VERY SAD. HE HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT, BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT COLORS, WHITE BEARS AND BLACK BEARS COULD NEVER BE FRIENDS.

BUT NOW THAT HE HAD MET THIS BLACK BEAR... THE WHITE BEAR UNDERSTOOD.

THE WHITE BEAR AND BLACK BEAR ARE FRIENDS NOW I'M SO HAPPY FOR THEM!
"WOULD YOU BE MY FRIEND?"
"OF COURSE."

I HOPE I CAN BECOME FRIENDS WITH ASOU-SENSEI
"WOULD YOU BE MY FRIEND?"
HMM... THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT
I WOULD LIKE TO BE FRIENDS WITH SENSEI BUT I KIND OF WISH IT COULD BE SOMETHING MORE..

WELL...!
WHY?
I'M SO GLAD I RAN INTO YOU TODAY, SENSEI!
BUT HE JUST HAPPENED TO WALK BY JUST NOW. BY COINCIDENCE.
WELL, SENSEI DOES ALL THE THINGS I LOVE
HM M M..
C'MON...
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY?
THAT'S A GOOD QUES-TION.
BECAUSE HE TALKED TO ME? WELL, YES.. THAT, TOO. BUT IS THAT THE ONLY REASON?
SO. WHY AM I SO HAPPY?
YOU WANT TO BE... WHAT WITH ME?
HMM.
WHAT DO I WANT TO BE WITH ASOU-SENSEI?
SENSEI !!
TAKING A STROLL, SENSEI?!
IT'S SUCH A NICE DAY FOR IT!

THAT..?
UGH
BUT? BUT?
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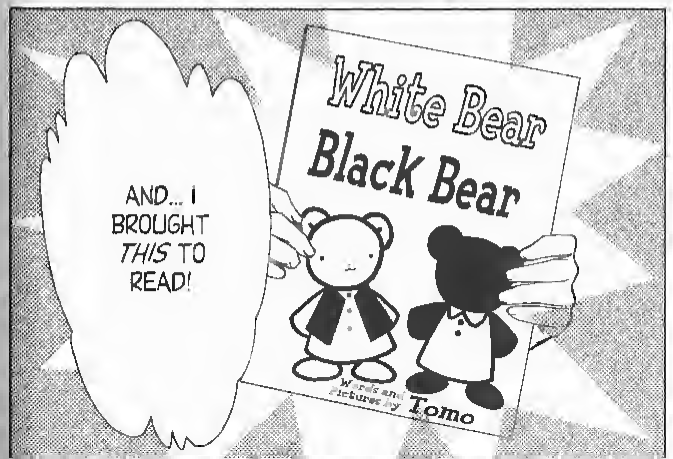
White Bear Black Bear
WELL, YEAH, BUT..
BUT...?
WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THIS BOOK?!
Bear
ear
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT WITH ME?!
IF YOU HURRY UP AND OPEN IT.
HUH?
WELL, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SHARE YOUR BENTO, RIGHT?

SAY-- ARE YOU IN A HURRY, SENSEI?
NOT REALLY.
NOTH-ING.
OH, I WAS JUST THINKING
WHAT?
I MADE A BENTO TODAY!
THEN... WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE LUNCH WITH ME?!


AND... I BROUGHT THIS TO READ!
White Bear
Black Bear
Tomo

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BUT WHEN IT'S WITH ASOU-SENSEI..
I REALLY LOVE IT!!
WHAT, THIS MEATBALL?
NO NO NO
NO NOT THAT JUST- EAT UP!

"I THINK I DID REALLY GOOD WITH THE EGGS TODAY!"
I'M EATING BENTO WITH SENSEI! I'M SO HAPPY!!
I LOVE EATING BENTO WITH PEOPLE.
yup yup
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THEN THEY BECOME EVEN SADDER! AND...
AND EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THEY SHOULDN'T CRY, THEY JUST DO IT ANYWAY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HELP IT!
YUP!
IS THAT WHY YOU EAT SO MUCH? SO YOU WON'T CRY?
HMM ?
...AND YOU LIVE ALL BY YOUR-SELF...

YOU'RE WOLFING THEM DOWN!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HUNGRY, SENSEI!
WELL, I GUESS I WAS HUNGRY... BUT I WASN'T STARVING
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WHEN PEOPLE GET HUNGRY, THEY GET REALLY SAD!
EVEN ABOUT THINGS THAT NORMALLY DON'T BOTHER THEM. THEY JUST GET SADDER AND SADDER BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING UNTIL IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT ANYMORE... AND FINALLY... THEY CRY!
DON'T THINK LIKE THAT!

WELL... MAYBE. I DON'T KNOW IF HE STILL DOES.
OH!

RIGHT!

YOU REALLY SHOULD-- YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT EATING ENOUGH ANYWAY!
AND THAT WOULD MAKE ME SAD, RIGHT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT DINNER AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT, SENSEI?!

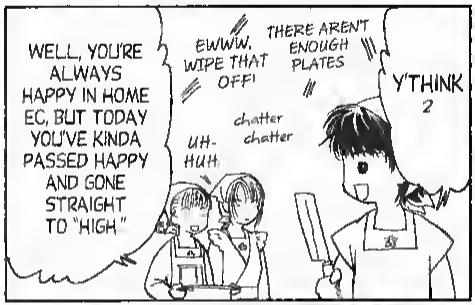
UH-HUH! I USED A RECIPE I LEARNED IN HOME ECONOMICS. YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
THESE EGGS ARE REALLY SWEET.

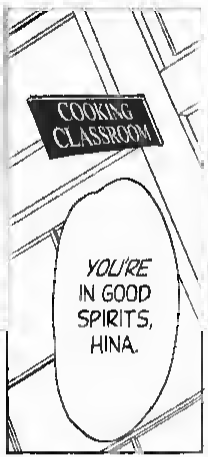
NO THAT'S KETCH-UP
THAT'S FOR FRIED EGGS.

I LIKE THEM BETTER WITH SALT!
WELL... AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO USE SOY SAUCE?

REALLY?
YOU'VE GOT STRANGE TASTES, YOU KNOW THAT?

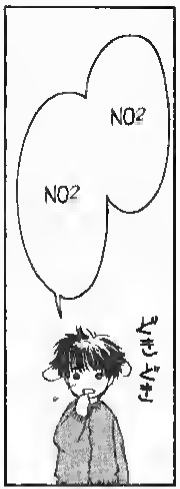
HE ALWAYS EATS HIS EGGS WITH SOY SAUCE!
WELL, MY DAD IS JUST LIKE YOU, SENSEI!

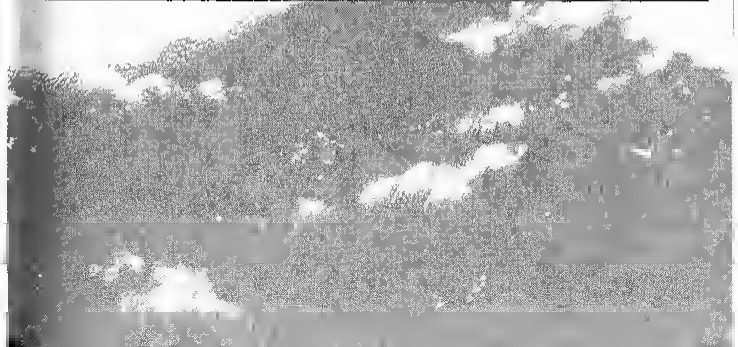

WELL, YOU'RE ALWAYS HAPPY IN HOME EC, BUT TODAY YOU'VE KINDA PASSED HAPPY AND GONE STRAIGHT TO "HIGH."
EWWW. WIPE THAT OFF!
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PLATES
Y'THINK 2
UH-HUH
chatter chatter

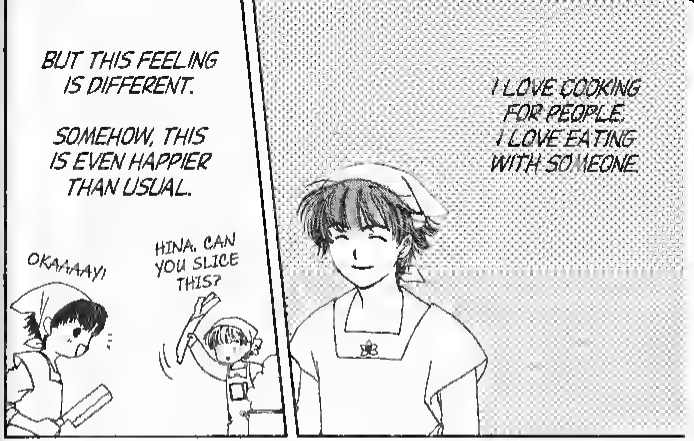


MUST BE BECAUSE ASOU-SENSEI SAID HE'D EAT DINNER WITH ME!

IT'S TRUE. I ALWAYS LOVE HOME ECONOMICS, BUT TODAY IS EVEN BETTER






BUT THIS FEELING IS DIFFERENT.
SOMEHOW, THIS IS EVEN HAPPIER THAN USUAL.
I LOVE COOKING FOR PEOPLE. I LOVE EATING WITH SOMEONE.
OKAAAAY!
HINA, CAN YOU SLICE THIS?

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..HINA?
THANKS!
I'LL HELP YOU
I GO HOME EVERY DAY.
?
HOME, I MEAN.
SO. YOU DON'T WANT TO GO BACK?
WELL, I'M ALWAYS BUSY WITH SOMETHING... BUT IT'S FUN.
HOW IS IT THESE DAYS.. LIVING BY YOUR SELF?
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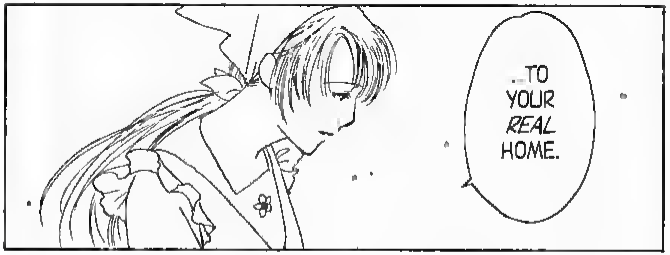
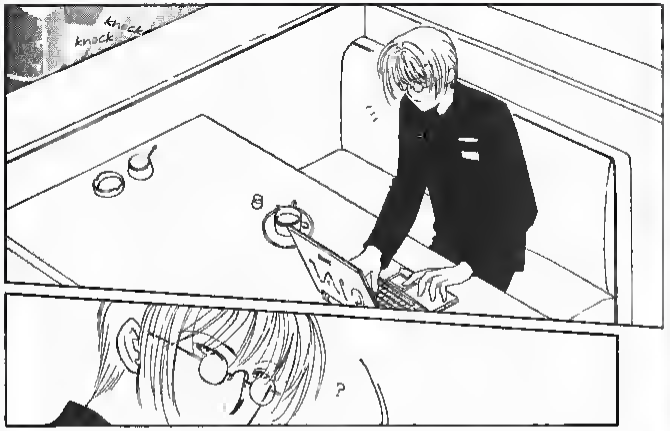

..TO YOUR REAL HOME.

SO, I'M JUST FINE LIKE THIS
..THAT I'D LIVE ALONE
WELL, I PROMISED MY DAD..
SORRY !!
YOU GUYS DONE SLICING OVER THERE?! THE POT'S BOILING OVER!
OKAY-- THANKS!
WELL, IF THERE'S EVER ANYTHING I CAN DO, JUST TELL ME.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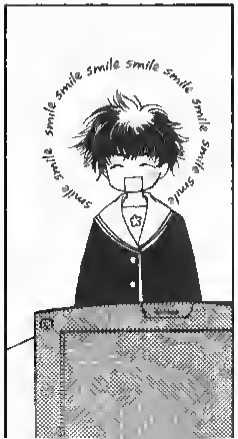
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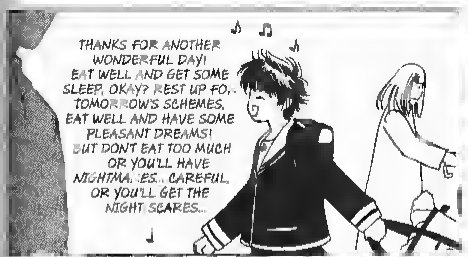
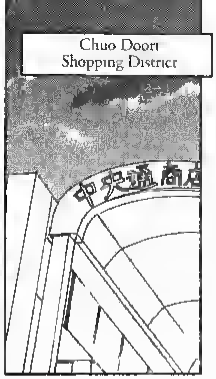

THANKS FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL DAY! EAT WELL AND GET SOME SLEEP, OKAY? REST UP FO.. TOMORROW'S SCHEMES, EAT WELL AND HAVE SOME PLEASANT DREAMS! BUT DON'T EAT TOO MUCH OR YOU'LL HAVE NIGHTMA..ES.. CAREFUL, OR YOU'LL GET THE NIGHT SCARES..


Chuo Doori
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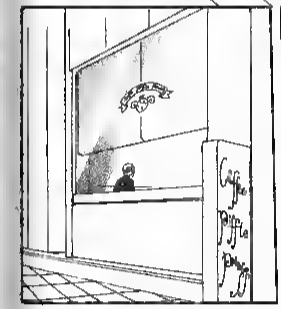
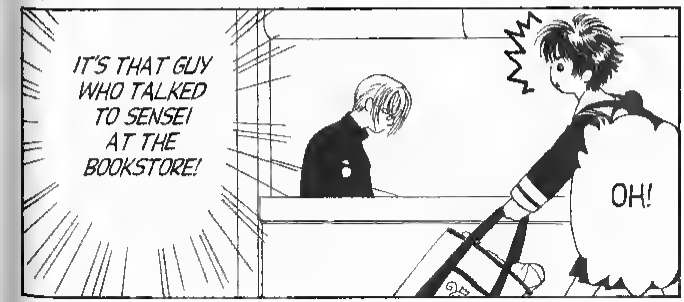
I RUSHED STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL TO BUY GROCERIES FOR DINNER!



WONDER WHEN SENSEI GETS HOME?
I'LL GET HOME AND START COOKING, THEN I'LL CALL SENSEI OVER


IT'S THAT GUY WHO TALKED TO SENSEI AT THE BOOKSTORE!
OH!

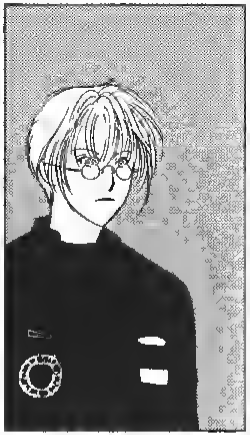
SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE WONDERFUL PARENTS.
BUT MY MOM SAID I MIGHT HAVE A HARD TIME WRITING MY NAME IN KINDERGARTEN IF IT WAS IN HARD KANJI, SO SHE MADE IT HIRAGANA.*
MY DAD WANTED HINATA TO BE WRITTEN IN KANJI.
HM?
THANK YOU.

Her gauzy skirt flew up to reveal long, succulent legs.
"No--stop!"
Savoring her struggle, he grabbed her ankles and

Tomoaki Namiya
Hinata Asahi

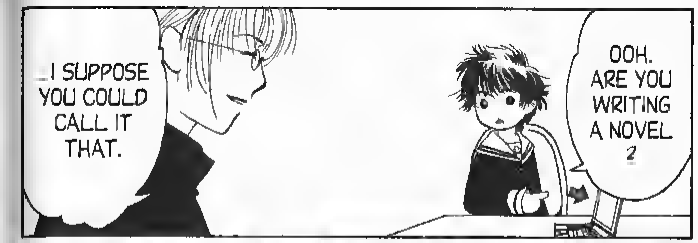
*Hiragana is the syllabic Japanese alphabet made up of 46 characters (plus variations).
Kanji are Chinese characters used in Japanese writing. As there are thousands of different Kanji, many of which are pronounced the same, it is a more difficult system. Most Japanese names are composed of Kanji.

SURE. WHY NOT?
WELL, I'D BE GLAD TO... BUT ARE YOU SURE THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH *YOU*?



DON'T LITTLE GIRLS LIKE YOU USUALLY LEARN ABOUT SEX FROM THAT *SPECIAL SOMEONE*?
THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE...
OH.
VAIO
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON.
I DON'T KNOW. *ARE* YOU SUPPOSED TO LEARN ABOUT SEX FROM THE PERSON YOU LOVE?

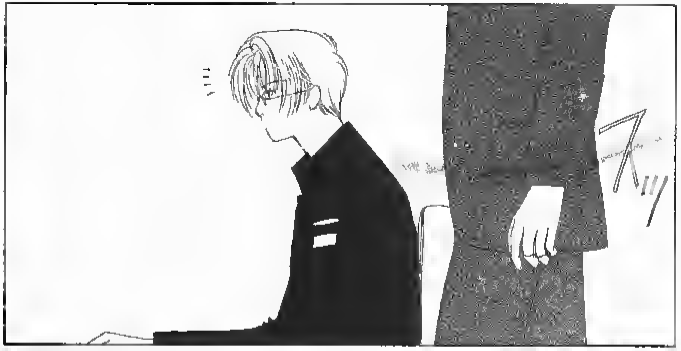
WHY AM I THINKING ABOUT ASOU-SENSEI?
HUH?


...I SUPPOSE YOU COULD CALL IT THAT.
OOH. ARE YOU WRITING A NOVEL?

EROTIC?
WHOA.
YOU KNOW. *EROTIC* STORIES.
PORNO...?
WELL, IT'S WHAT WE CALL A *PORNO* NOVEL.
WOW! A REAL NOVELIST!

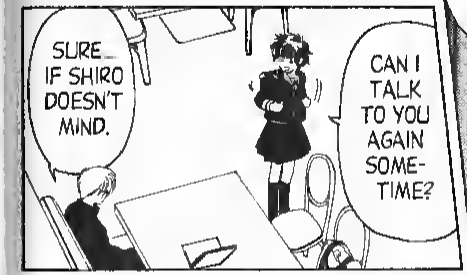
SAY— CAN *YOU* TEACH ME ABOUT SEX?!

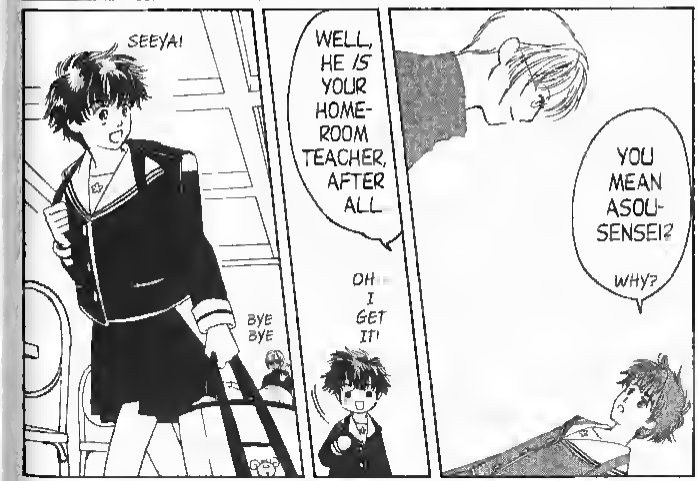
WOWWW...
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND SEX TALK. EMI-CHAN'S ALWAYS LAUGHING AT ME ABOUT THAT.



...KIZU.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR WORK.
MY PLEASURE
I HAVE TO GO MAKE DINNER!


SURE... IF SHIRO DOESN'T MIND.
CAN I TALK TO YOU AGAIN SOME-TIME?


SEEYA!
BYE BYE
WELL, HE IS YOUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER, AFTER ALL.
OH... I GET IT!
YOU MEAN ASOU-SENSEI?
WHY?

OH!
I JUST REMEMBERED

LET'S HOPE SOME OF THAT WILL RUB OFF ON SHIRO

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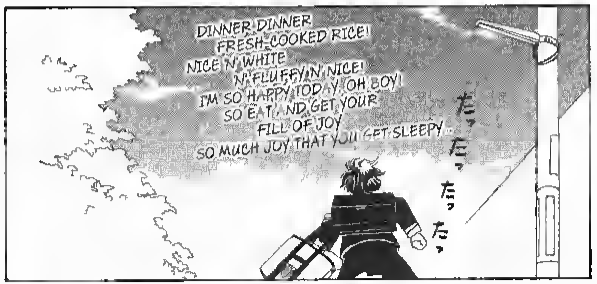
DINNER, DINNER
FRESH-COOKED RICE!
NICE N' WHITE
N' FLUFFY N' NICE!
I'M SO HAPPY TODAY! OH BOY!
SO EAT N' GET YOUR
FILL OF JOY
SO MUCH JOY THAT YOU'LL GET SLEEPY...
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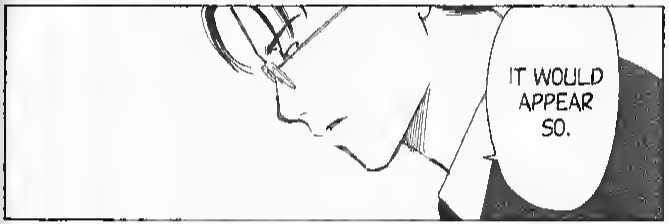
"THAT CHILD" IS SHIRO'S TARGET, YOU KNOW.
LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THAT CHILD SIT DOWN WITH YOU.


IT WOULD APPEAR SO.

CHEERFUL AND HONEST AND CUTE... JUST AS REPORTED
SHE'S A GOOD GIRL— I CAN TELL.

WHAT IS LOVE?

WHEN THE SUBJECT IS "LOVE," IS BOOK-SMART AND STREET-NAIVE HINA READY FOR THE RIGORS OF AN INTENSIVE AFTER SCCHOOL STUDY REGIMEN? AND IS THE OBJECT OF HER AFFECTIONS EVEN TO BE TRUSTED?

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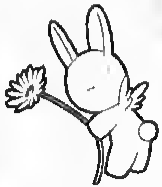

DOES THAT MEAN **HE'S** MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

THE THINGS I DO THAT MAKE ME HAPPY.. MAKE ME **REALLY** HAPPY... WHEN I DO THEM WITH ASO-SENSEI.

THE THINGS I LOVE.. I **REALLY** LOVE... WHEN I DO THEM WITH ASO-SENSEI.

I LOVE THINKING ABOUT ASOU-SENSEI!

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